



LEAMINGTON SPA  
Art Gallery & Museum

Exhibitions & Events  
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*The Amazing Chang. Image courtesy of Davenport's Magic, London.*

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# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

## **SIXTIES SUMMER** **A Select Exhibition from** **the Arts Council Collection** **13 August – 4 October**

ARTS COUNCIL COLLECTION AT  
**SOUTHBANK  
CENTRE**

The 1960s were a decade of social change and artistic experimentation. A young generation of painters and sculptors broke from convention and began to re-examine traditional ideas of size, space and subject matter. They created large scale works, designed to be encountered close up, which would envelop their audiences. They also embraced abstraction, suggesting that the process of creation, rather than a narrative sequence, was the subject of their work. Finally, they argued that their work should be considered 'real' rather than representational.

This exhibition focuses on the work of eight artists whose large scale sculptures and paintings combined these new ideas with an awareness of popular culture and a sense of fun. Their brilliantly coloured, dramatic works can now be seen as typical of the style that defined and inspired a generation.



*Round Midnight*, 1961 © Tim Scott.

Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London

# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

## THE AMAZING CHANG The magic of Whittington-Wickes 17 October – 10 January

Delve into the magical world of Whittington-Wickes at this exhibition which celebrates the life and career of the famous Leamington magician.

Born in 1893 in Avenue Road, the young Samuel Lewis Webster Whittington-Wickes ran away from home at the age of 12 to pursue a career in magic. He returned years later a successful magician and wowed audiences in the Jephson Pavilion with his spectacular shows. During his career he took a variety of stage names, finally becoming 'The Amazing Chang' in 1934. He performed in New York and Paris and toured the UK with his magic acts.

The exhibition will bring together fascinating original props used in Chang's acts as well as stunning stage backdrops and promotional material reflecting the golden age of theatre during the 1930s and 40s.



*The Amazing Chang Publicity Material. Image courtesy of Davenport's Magic, London*

# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS



Diana Adams, Chairman of FLAG (Friends of Leamington Art Gallery) with her favourite exhibit

## COLLECTION CONNECTION

Every month a local personality is invited to choose their favourite exhibit in Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum. The chosen exhibit is highlighted with a caption that explains who selected it and why. The exhibit is also featured in our *Friday Focus* programme of talks.

## FRIDAY FOCUS

**Autumn programme of talks:  
4 September – 11 December  
Fridays at 1pm**

Learn something new in your lunch break! *Friday Focus* lunchtime talks cover a wide range of topics relating to the Art Gallery & Museum's collections and the Royal Pump Rooms. Come and discover some of the fascinating facts and stories behind our exhibits. The talks are informal and last about 10 minutes. Please ask at the art gallery reception desk or visit [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms) for a current programme.

**FREE, no need to book**

# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

## ART CART FAMILY FUN



**Last Saturday of each month, 1 – 3pm**

Join us for family art sessions in the galleries using our mobile Art Cart. Take part in a different activity every month.

**FREE, drop in and join in**

**Recommended for children up to 12 years**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult**



# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

## SUMMER ART CLUB

Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27 August, 2 – 4pm



Get creative during the school holidays and be inspired by the *10 Glorious Years!* display. Our *Summer Art Club* offers families the chance to try out different art activities every week.



**FREE**, drop in and join in  
**Sessions last 20 minutes,**  
**final entry 3.40pm**  
**Recommended for ages**  
**6–12 years**  
**Children must be**  
**accompanied by an adult**

## SIXTIES SUMMER – Exhibition Talk

Thursday 13 August, 6 – 7pm

Curator Hilary Lane will talk about the artists and works featured in the *Sixties Summer* exhibition.

**£3 per person**  
**(free entry**  
**to FLAG**  
**members and**  
**students)**  
**Places are**  
**limited,**  
**please call**  
**01926 742700**  
**Payment**  
**required**  
**to confirm**  
**booking**



*Orange, Blue, Pink and Green No. 2,*  
1965 © Michael Kidner. Courtesy  
of Flowers, London. Arts Council  
Collection, Southbank Centre, London

# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

## HERITAGE OPEN DAY

**Friday 11 September, 1.15 – 1.45pm**



Take a guided tour of the Royal Pump Rooms building. Discover what goes on behind the scenes and find out about the building's vibrant history and award winning redevelopment. This is the last in a series of events that will celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the redevelopment of the Royal Pump Rooms.

**FREE, but places are limited**

**Please call 01926 742700 to book**



The redevelopment of the Royal Pump Rooms:  
Slipper Baths (1998/1999)

## SIXTIES SUMMER – Lunchtime Talk

**Friday 18 September, 1 – 1.30pm**

Sarah Shalgosky, Curator of the University of Warwick, will discuss the *Sixties Summer* exhibition. This 30 minute event is part of our regular *Friday Focus* programme.

**FREE, no need to book**

# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

## **SIXTIES SUMMER – Retro Accessories** **Saturday 19 September, 10am – 4pm**

Design and make funky accessories inspired by the Swinging Sixties.

**£5 per adult**

**Places are limited, please call 01926 742700**

**Payment required to confirm booking**

## **TWILIGHT CAMPUS** **TOUR: Warwick University**

THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WARWICK

**Wednesday 23 September, 6 – 7.30pm**

Sarah Shalgosky, Curator of the University of Warwick, will lead a group around the Warwick University Campus, highlighting some of the key artworks brought in the 1960s and discussing the role of art in the University today.

The tour covers approximately 1km both inside and outside.

**FREE, places are limited to 20**

**To reserve a place and receive a map, please contact the Mead Gallery on 02476 524732**



Bernard Schottlander, *3B Series 1*, 1968, Painted Steel.  
Courtesy of the University of Warwick

# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

## **ANIMATE!**

**Saturday 3 October, 11am – 4pm**

Our *Animate!* workshops offer young people aged 12 – 16 years the opportunity to work with a professional film maker to explore animation, film making and digital media.

**£3 per person**

**Recommended for ages 12 – 16 years**

**Places are limited, please call 01926 742700**

**Payment required to confirm booking**



## **BIG DRAW DAY**

**Saturday 10 October, 12noon – 3pm**

Select a small part of one of the exhibits in the Art Gallery & Museum and make it ten times bigger! Materials will be provided.

**FREE, drop in and join in**

**All ages welcome**

**Children must be accompanied  
by an adult**



# ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

## THE AMAZING CHANG –

### Grand Opening

**Saturday 17 October, 12noon – 3pm**

Join in the magic! Bring your family to celebrate the opening of *The Amazing Chang* exhibition and discover the magical world of Samuel L. Whittington-Wickes.

**FREE, drop in and join in**  
**All ages welcome**  
**Children must be**  
**accompanied by an adult**



Samuel L. Whittington-  
Wickes. Image courtesy  
of Davenport's Magic,  
London

## THE AMAZING CHANG –

### Exhibition Talk

**Thursday 22 October,**  
**6.30 – 7.30pm**

Sandra Evans, whose  
biography of *The Amazing  
Chang* was published in 2006, will talk about the  
fascinating life of Samuel L. Whittington-Wickes.

**£3 per person**  
**(free entry to FLAG members and students)**  
**Places are limited, please call 01926 742700**  
**Payment required to confirm booking**

## HALF TERM ART CLUB



**Thursday 29 October, 2 – 4pm**

Create a Chinese style plate inspired by *The Amazing  
Chang's* willow pattern plate illusion.

**FREE, drop in and join in**  
**Sessions last 20 minutes, final entry 3.40pm**  
**Recommended for ages 6 – 12 years**  
**Children must be accompanied by an adult**