



LEAMINGTON SPA Art Gallery & Museum

Exhibitions & Events

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© Lyndall Phelps. *Touch (foil blanket)*, detail, 2010. Photography: Peter Mennim

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Culture in Warwick District

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

TOUCH

a site specific installation

by Lyndall Phelps

16 September – 28 November

Contemporary artist Lyndall Phelps explores the use of the Royal Pump Rooms as a centre for healing, where medical treatments, including hydrotherapy and physiotherapy, were undertaken from the early 19th century to the mid-1990s. When the Art Gallery & Museum moved from its premises on Avenue Road to the Royal Pump Rooms in 1999, it acquired medical equipment and photographs relating to this chapter of the building's history.

Influenced by the personal stories of former patients and staff, and by the medical history collections, Phelps has created a series of commissioned installations which are displayed alongside a selection of original objects and photographs. She reflects the 20th century history of the building and explores how treatments could be seen as pleasure or pain, healing or torture.



A girl being treated in the therapeutic pool at the Royal Pump Rooms.

Phelps has previously worked with

several museums and galleries including Milton Keynes Gallery and the Natural History Museum.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

LOOKING IN WONDERLAND

9 December – 6 February

Explore some of the most famous children's book illustrations in the world: Sir John Tenniel's illustrations to Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) and *Through the Looking Glass* (1872). John Tenniel (1820-1914) worked in London as a political cartoonist for *Punch* magazine before he was approached by Lewis Carroll to illustrate the two stories.

A selection of the unique and imaginative illustrations of Lewis Carroll's characters will be displayed, including Alice, the White Rabbit and the Mad Hatter. This will sit alongside a display of printing materials similar to those used to create these detailed wood engraved prints.



This exhibition also features a family Wonderland area where you can delve into Alice's magical world.

A Graphicus Touring exhibition.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

COLLECTION CONNECTION

We are inviting local personalities to choose their favourite exhibit from the Art Gallery & Museum. Read a caption next to the chosen exhibit or visit our website to find out who selected it and why. The exhibit is also featured in our *Friday Focus* programme of talks.



THURSDAY FLICKERS

Thursdays, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Winter programme 7 October – 25 November.

Enjoy a wide range of short films from local and emerging film makers. Screenings include work from video artists, short-film makers, animators, motion-graphic designers and artists using video installations. Please ask at the art gallery reception desk or visit our website for further information.

You can also follow our *Thursday Flickers* blog at <http://thursdayflickers.blogspot.com>

FREE, no need to book

If you would like to show your work at one of our *Thursday Flickers* screenings, please contact Tammy Woodrow on 01926 742700 or email tammy.woodrow@warwickdc.gov.uk

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

FRIDAY FOCUS

Fridays at 1pm

Autumn programme 3 September – 10 December.
Winter programme starts on 14 January.

Learn something
new in your
lunch break!

Friday Focus
lunchtime talks
cover a wide
range of topics.

Come and
discover some of
the fascinating facts and stories behind our exhibits.
The talks are informal and last about 15 minutes.



Please ask at the art gallery reception desk or visit
our website for a current programme.

FREE, no need to book

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Friday 10 September, 1.30pm

Take a guided tour of the Royal
Pump Rooms. Find out about
the building's vibrant history and
discover what goes on behind the
scenes.

FREE, but places are limited
Please call 01926 742700



ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

TOUCH

In conversation with Lyndall Phelps

Thursday 16 September, 6 – 7pm

To mark the opening of the new exhibition *TOUCH*, contemporary artist Lyndall Phelps will discuss her response to the former use of the Royal Pump Rooms as a centre for medical treatments.

£3 per person

(free entry to FLAG members and students)

Places are limited, please call 01926 742700

Payment required to confirm booking



MUSEUM MOVIES AWARD CEREMONY

Thursday 23 September, 6.30 – 7.30pm

The votes for our Museum Movies competition are all in! Find out which of the shortlisted film makers will be awarded the *Best Film Award*.

FREE, no need to book

