

Exhibitions & Events

April – September 2008



The Girl with X-ray Eyes - Diptych one. Photograph, Zhenia Sveshinsky
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Royal Pump Rooms

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ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

INTROSPECTION - EXTRAMISSION: New Work by Phillip Warnell 18 April – 15 June



INTROSPECTION - EXTRAMISSION considers the interaction of invisible phenomena and the body using various media including photographs, objects, projections and light boxes. The exhibition, devised for Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, explores the claims of a Russian teenager known as 'The Girl with X-ray Eyes', magical myths surrounding calculus stones and the work of Austrian physician, Franz Mesmer, who conceived the notion of 'animal magnetism'.

Artist Phillip Warnell uses the body as a site of exploration producing works using performance, images, and sound. His work is distinguished by its attention to detail, to scrutiny, to humour, to technique and to the complex relationship between live performance and the mediated image.



The Girl with X-ray Eyes - Film still © Phillip Warnell, 2008

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

CLOCKING ON: Working Life in the 20th Century 28 June – 7 September

During the 20th Century, social reform and the impact of the two World Wars radically influenced what it was like to work in Britain. The minimum wage was introduced, women joined the workforce in greater numbers than ever before and working hours were reduced. This exhibition explores the impact of these changes on working life in Warwick District.

Share the experiences of local people and discover what an average day at work was like in the 20th Century. Find out why people moved to the region to find work and learn how working life impacted on leisure time.



The Leamington Spa Ford Imperial Foundry Site
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ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

FRIDAY FOCUS Fridays at 1pm

Friday Focus lunchtime talks cover a wide range of topics relating to the Art Gallery & Museum's collections and the Royal Pump Rooms. The talks are free, informal and last about 10 minutes. Please check our website, www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms, or call 01926 742700 for a current programme.



ART CART FAMILY FUN Last Saturday of each month, 2 – 4 pm From Saturday 26 April

Join us for new family art sessions using our mobile Art Cart. Take part in a different activity every month, create artwork in the galleries and have lots of fun!

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FREE! Drop in and join in.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.



ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

IN CONVERSATION WITH PHILLIP WARNELL Thursday 24 April, 6 – 7.30pm



Phillip Warnell will discuss his work and the current exhibition, INTROSPECTION - EXTRAMMISSION. The event will be followed by a live art performance. This event is part of the Visual Arts & Crafts programme funded by the Arts Council England and local authorities in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. £3 per person, advance booking only. Please call 01926 742700 to reserve your place.



Unseen Footage – Performance. Photograph, Stéphanie Nava
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PHILLIP WARNELL FILM SCREENING Thursday 8 May, 6 - 8pm

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This event will take place at Warwick Arts Centre. To coincide with the exhibition INTROSPECTION - EXTRAMMISSION, Warwick Arts Centre is hosting a special screening of Phillip Warnell's film, 'The Girl with X-ray Eyes' accompanied by live theremin music. The screening will include a talk and will be followed by a reception and book launch. For further information please call 02476 524524.

ART GALLERY & MUSEUM EVENTS

HALF TERM ART CLUB Thursday 29 May, 2 – 4pm



Draw big, draw small! Using projection, draw each other's shadow and outline to create artwork that extends from the floor to the ceiling.

FREE! Drop in and join in. Sessions last 20 minute, final entry 3.40pm. Recommended for children aged 6 - 12 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

WAVEFORM: Electronic Music & the Theremin Saturday 7 June, 1 – 4pm



Don't miss this opportunity to experiment with sound. Using the Theremin, a musical instrument that can be played without being touched, musician Katrina Harris will demonstrate how to create sounds used by bands such as Goldfrapp!

£3 per person. Places are limited, advance booking only.

Recommended for young people aged 14+ years.

Please call 01926 742700 to reserve your place.



Theremin player. Photograph by Zhenia Sveshinsky.

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NICHOLAS DIMBLEBY ARTIST TALK

Thursday 22 May, 6 – 7.30pm

Sculptor Nicholas Dimbleby will talk about his newly recast bronze sculpture, 'Elephant Circle'. The sculpture, which was first installed in 1988 at the northern entrance to the Royal Priors shopping complex in Leamington Spa, has been relocated to Jephson Gardens, opposite the historic Elephant Wash. It will be unveiled on Saturday 24 May.

£3 per person, advance booking only.

Please call 01926 742700 to reserve your place.

UNVEILING OF 'ELEPHANT CIRCLE' Saturday 24 May, 12noon – 3pm

Join us to celebrate the unveiling of 'Elephant Circle' by Nicholas Dimbleby. Events will include elephant mask making, a celebration of Leamington's connection with elephants in a written anthology by local writers, a poetry reading by Jane Holland and workshops with Anand Chhabra. There will also be a chance to meet 'Snowdrop' the mechanical elephant. **FREE!** Drop in and join in.

Please call 01926 742700 for further information.



Snowdrop the Elephant

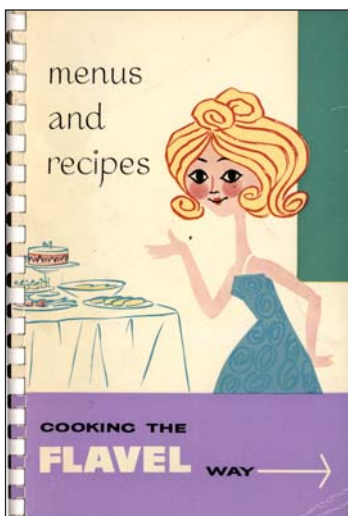
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CLOCKING ON: Hands on History **Saturday 28 June, 12noon – 3pm**

Join us to celebrate the opening of the **CLOCKING ON** exhibition and get your hands on some history! Touch and examine objects from our social history collections and then reminisce about your own experiences of working life over a cup of tea and biscuits.

FREE! Drop in and join in. All ages welcome but

children must be accompanied by an adult.



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MOVING PARTS: Automata Workshop **Thursday 24 July, 2 – 6pm**

Take inspiration from mechanical processes displayed in the **CLOCKING ON** exhibition to create your own moving automata.

£3 per child. Recommended for children aged 10+ years. Places are limited, advance booking only. Please call 01926 742700 to reserve your place.