

Jo Roberts: Finding a Way Through

23 March - 20 May 2007

Jo Roberts: Finding a Way Through is an exhibition of new work exploring the links between the river flowing behind the Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum and the creative journey of the artist. The show will include drawings, a large digital projection and an installation which will develop during the course of the exhibition.

The inspiration for the exhibition is the River Leam which runs through Leamington Spa. Roberts, who is based locally, has always found rivers, geology and how they link to our own lives fascinating. She says: "I am curious and inquisitive about people, places, things and their interaction with one another. I am endlessly fascinated by life journeys."

Chloe Johnson, curator of the exhibition, hopes the show will have wide appeal. "The exhibition provides the opportunity to slow down and consider life in a new and unexpected way," she said. "Working with Jo has been an enlightening and invigorating experience. She encourages a largeness of vision, a desire to look at everyday life in a new way."

Jo Roberts has gained a reputation for work which encourages us to view the world around us in a new way. She has recently undertaken commissions for Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham and Grizedale Arts in collaboration with BBC Radio Cumbria, and had a solo exhibition, *Boundaries*, at Pump House Gallery, London. This exhibition marks a new departure in her work. Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum was awarded funding by Arts Council England, West Midlands, which has enabled Jo to extend her artistic practice. The resulting exhibition is an intensely personal exploration of her life's journey which will inspire and involve visitors. To view more of Jo's work visit www.jorobertsjourney.com

A series of exciting events for children and adults will accompany this exhibition. Please call 01926 742700 or pick up a leaflet at the Art Gallery & Museum for further details.

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Further information – Call Louise Simkiss, Publicity and Events Officer on 01926 742709 or Chloe Johnson, Curatorial Officer on 01926 742702 or email chloe.johnson@warwickdc.gov.uk

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Admission free.