

16th April - 30th April
**Teesside Arts
Collective**

Face

A Portraiture Exhibition

Teesside's newest arts collective present you with the bleeding edge in modern portraiture! Face - an exhibition that will challenge everything you know about not only portraiture and art, but what it means to be human...

Free cake at the door.

5th May - 21st May
**Hannah Jane
Weldon & Amy
Marie Johnson**

During May, the gallery space will be shared by Advanced Diploma Creative & Media students from CCAD. Hannah Weldon's exhibition is entitled Effeminate Embodiment and will consist of ceramic ornamental garments exploring the female form. Amy Johnson's show, Mortality will explore abstract representations on this very theme.

26th May - 18th June
**Laura
Thompson**

Costume

Laura Thompson's exhibition will feature costumes that have been created for theatre and exhibition. Her work focuses on tailoring and corsetry with historically inspired silhouettes made contemporary through use of fabrics and decorative embellishments. Thompson studied on the BA (Hons) Entertainment Design Craft degree and has since been involved with museum heritage projects and education as well as undertaking private commissions.

24th June - 25th June
**Square Eyes
Picture House**

Square Eyes Picture House returns with two nights of cinematic and musical fun; on Friday 24th June they're giving you the chance to have your short film screened to the public (and industry professionals too!) and then on Saturday it's another round of local bands performing a LIVE soundtrack to a film of their choice! Interested? Email: russellssquareeyes@hotmail.co.uk for more details!

27th - 29th June
**Stitching Out
Stigma**

Stitching Out Stigma is a fashion and textile exhibition with a difference. Fashion Enterprise graduate Ayesha Davies will be showcasing 10 garments featuring knitted and crocheted flowers each representing a mental health disorder. The flowers which have been created during therapy workshops symbolise and celebrate good mental health and aim to promote awareness.

1st & 2nd July
The Sound Of Art

Former DARTZ! guitarist Henry Carden curates a weekend of art and music. Highlights include the incredible concert posters of Twoducksdisco's Cameron Steward (Black Keys, Gallows, Teenage Fanclub, Frightened Rabbit, Melvins etc) and a very special live performance on Friday evening from Iceland's queen of alt-indie-pop and recent star of The Great Escape and SXSW, Lara Runars.

4th July
**Urban
Sensation**

Urban Sensation is a contemporary Street Art Print Exhibition marking the launch of Diamond Dust Gallery. Street Art is the most popular, ground breaking and boundary pushing movement within the contemporary art scene and is rapidly gaining mainstream acceptance. Urban Sensation will show prints from some of the leading and most active street artists in this global art movement. Work displayed will include prints by Miss Bugs, Dface, Faile, Bast and Shepard Fairey. The exhibition like its subject matter will be there one day and gone the next as it runs for one day only.

7th - 9th July
Betty & Mavis

Hailed as 'The Retro Fashion Queen of the North' by the Sunday Sun, designer and illustrator Kelly Francis has turned her love of homespun, handcrafted items into the fabulous vintage inspired business Betty & Mavis. Kelly will be transforming the gallery into a showroom and exhibiting a diverse range of products including cushions, aprons, bags, doorstops, dresses and framed illustrations - to name but a few.

12th - 16th July
ArtPhoenix Arts

Emergence

A Modern Exhibition

A collection of the newest and best modern visual artwork from art students and young artists from the Middlesbrough and Cleveland area.

An exciting exhibition showcasing the youthful creativity in our region...and free refreshments!

18th - 22nd July
**e-Shout Pop Up
Design Studio**

e-Shout Solutions Ltd is a creative design agency which has benefited from the graduate support of Teesside University. To celebrate the transition from the growth incubators to a brand new office at the Institute of Digital Innovation, e-Shout have taken this opportunity to meet the great and the good of Middlesbrough with a pop up design studio at the gallery.

The programme doesn't stop at 5pm so be prepared for an after hours live student and agency design off as well as interesting speakers, networking sessions and activities going on all around Middlesbrough and the Teesside University campus.

23rd - 31st July
**Green TV
Environmental Art**

Five different artists from across the north east will deliver hands-on fun Environmental Art workshops - everyone welcome. These workshops are part of a much wider series of residencies undertaken at key nature sites within the Tees Valley called Green TV. A variety of art forms will be used including sound, print making, sculpture, painting and model making.

For more information please visit www.teesvalleyarts.org.uk/greentv.html

3 August - 14 September
**Middlesbrough
86 Project**

What are your memories of Middlesbrough Football Club? As part of our town-wide celebration, the Middlesbrough 86 Project wants you to bring your thoughts and photographs along to the gallery! See the people's history of the club on the gallery walls, view vintage photographs and talk about your experiences. Look out for special football workshops and talks led by artists and groups including Writers' Block and Fly Me To The Moon. Middlesbrough86.blogspot.com



WE ARE OPEN



Spring is here and the pop up art movement in Middlesbrough is flourishing. We Are Open is thriving in its second year of transient treasures and the new programme brings all manner of surprises for this season.

The pop up movement is going from strength to strength and with the likes of Chanel, Nike, Apple and Banksy getting in on the act worldwide, We Are Open are in great company. The project continues to pioneer the use of empty town centre spaces to house temporary studios & exhibitions and provide ad hoc headquarters for writers, musicians, artists, designers and creative businesses.

Spring/summer 2011 sees new faces in new places and the return of a couple of our favourite residents. Square Eyes Picture House bounces back with another kickass weekend of music & film and newcomers Betty & Mavis showcase their darling collection of interior design homewares. Keep your eyes open for changing shows at The Pop Up Gallery or you'll miss out on cutting edge street art, a pop up design studio and a performance by Iceland's queen of alt-indie-pop to name but a few!

We Are Open has evolved and now boasts its very own cultural quarter in Broadcasting House on Newport Road. Pop up artist studios provide space for some of the region's most dynamic creative practitioners to make and exhibit new work.

Creative neighbours at Broadcasting House include film and screenwriting collective Writers' Block and bespoke costume designer Sarah Bennett as well as our own very unique new space at Studio 3, an inside-out gallery where all works can be viewed from the comfort of the high street.

You can find us at:

Pop Up Gallery: 148 Linthorpe Road TSI 3RA

Broadcasting House - Newport Road TSI 5JA

Pop Up Studio 1 | Writers' Block HQ

Pop Up Studio 2 | We Are Open Studio Group

Pop Up Studio 3 | Sarah Bennett & Studio Gallery

We Are Open is curated and managed by creative entrepreneurs Jenny Hall and Nicky Peacock

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we-are-open.blogspot.com

BROADCASTING HOUSE - Newport Road

Pop Up Studio 1

2 April & 7 May - 10am-1pm

Let's Make a Film

Writers' Block will be writing & producing a feature-length film as a creative community. To get involved in brainstorming and storylining sessions join the collective now and get writing!

2nd April - 2pm 'til 5pm

Theatre Seen

Have you got an idea for a play that could be performed in Middlesbrough Centre Square? The pieces will be devised and written by whoever turns up to Writers' Block's monthly meetings so don't miss out!

Pop Up Studio 2

28th May - 6pm 'til Late

Open Studio Celebration

Visit Teesside's newest creative community and celebrate the opening of the new Studio Group at BBC Broadcasting House with us! It should be the biggest art event in the area ever! No hyperbole. Seriously.

Pop Up Studio 3

1st June - 15th June

Pound & Found

Famous art sells for millions but good art can be free. All the art in this show costs £1 or less to make, so come and see what the Pound and Found show is all about. It's recession proof, so it'll blow your mind without breaking the bank.



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