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PRESS RELEASE

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Press Release – for immediate release

Exhibition celebrating Sussex Artists Opens at Worthing Museum and Gallery.

Worthing Theatres and Museum are excited to announce the return of the biannual Open exhibition at Worthing Museum and Gallery. The exhibition runs from Saturday 2 October 2021 - Sunday 30 January 2022, in the Worthing Museum's Main Gallery and Norwood Landing.

With 160 pieces across 2 galleries, WTM's Open21 showcases an outstanding selection of work from amateur and professional artists, of all ages, from across Sussex. The exhibition includes a huge range of work with diverse and contrasting styles, and a variety of different mediums including 3D sculpture and photography, alongside work in acrylic, oil, pencil and pen. It's this diversity that makes the exhibition entirely unique and a must visit in Worthing this winter.

Curator Emma Walder says, *'We were unsure what the response would be this year with all that has happened, as well as the change from using printed entry forms to online. So I was pleased to see that we had well over 500 entries this year, and the work delivered has been as varied and diverse as it always has. The communities' creative spirit is still as strong as ever!'*

'The selection day was as tough as always with many difficult decisions to be made by the judges who were artist Anthony Bennett, Carola del Mese (who was recently working with us as a historical metal conservator), and Joe Cox, (Creative Hub Assistant at Colonnade House – Worthing's creative hub).

158 pieces of work were selected which is more than any previous open exhibition, and out of those 9 pieces were shortlisted by the judges and we felt that a further 2 pieces should also be selected as Curator's choice. So I would encourage everyone to come and see this exhibition and be inspired to join us next time and enter the Open23. Regardless of whether your work is selected, the spirit and creativity is what really keeps this event and exhibition thriving.'

Selected pieces in the exhibition are available to purchase, a wonderful opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early and celebrate local creatives. Visit today and see brilliant submissions from local artists!



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Worthing Museum and Gallery is open Thursday-Sunday. The exhibitions and permanent collections are free to view, however as a charitable organisation WTM welcomes donations which support their work bringing arts and heritage to Worthing. Additional safety measures remain in place throughout the museum and visitors are asked to wear masks in line with government guidance.

For more information and to book event tickets visit www.wtam.uk or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206206.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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EXHIBITIONS LISTING

Open21

Date: Saturday 2 October 2021- Sunday 30 January 2022

Venue: Main Gallery, Worthing Museum

Link: <https://wtam.uk/events/exhibition-open21/>

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