

Riverside Artists Group launches *River* theme projects



A Turner on the Thames, installation by Máire Gartland, 2021

Riverside Artists Group (RAG) invites you to two new exhibitions, an artist walk and a community workshop, all based on the theme of 'River'. The free events will take place in September along the Thames from Brentford to Tower Bridge as part of Totally Thames 2021 festival. Once again Riverside Artists Group builds on its reputation for imaginative thinking with the evocative concept of River, both a lifeforce and a danger. www.riversideartistsgroup.com

River exhibition

24 artists present new artworks as a direct response to the River Thames, or as a metaphorical interpretation of the nature and influence of rivers.

Open days: Saturday 4 and 11 September, 12-6pm

America Square Conference Centre, 1 America Square, 17 Crosswall, Tower Bridge,
London EC3N 2LB

Contact Shona Elrick: 07796 206695 and during the week by appointment:

Jenny Hullock: jenny@cavendishvenues.com tel 07932 005264

Open Studio show

The exhibition will include paintings, sculpture, a piece by Saadeh George made from plastic recovered from the Thames. Artists: Máire Gartland, Shona Elrick, Janey Hagger, Saadeh George, Felicity Swan.

Saturdays and Sundays through September, 12.30-5pm

Studio 5, Museum of Water & Steam, Brentford

Entrance on Green Dragon Lane, TW8 0EN

Contact Máire Gartland: 07925 954183

Brentford Community clay workshops

For all ages and abilities, led by Máire Gartland, with Janey Hagger. An installation, based on the Thames at Brentford, made from clay figures and other items that represent the local community. Supported by Arts Council England, Thames River Trust, as well as the museum.

Saturdays 18 and 25 September, 10-12pm

Museum of Water & Steam, Brentford

Entrance on Green Dragon Lane TW8 0EN

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<https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/whats-on/brentford-community-clay-workshops-4718/>

Whistler Walk with Martin Ireland

A walk through Chelsea and Battersea riverside neighbourhoods in the footsteps of famous artist James McNeil Whistler.

Saturday 18 September, 2-4pm

Contact: Martin Ireland: 07946 354 852)

NB This is a ticketed event: £5pp

For tickets: <https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/whats-on/whistler-while-you-walk-4756/>

Artists exhibiting in RAG's *River* exhibition (America Sq)

Mike Abrahams, Susan Bazin, Lynne Beel, Natalia Bobrova, Chloe Fremantle, Emma Davis, Lucille Dweck, Shona Elrick, Renata Fernandez, Máire Gartland, Saadeh George, Sarah Granville, Janey Hagger, Anton Harding, Martin Ireland, Laura Jacobs, Marianne Moore, Jane Oldfield, Jim Sitch, Felicity Swan, Celia Toler, Greta Wakil, Miles Watson, Stephen Williams.

Riverside Artists Group (RAG)

Established in 1986, RAG is a diverse group of 40 practising artists. Members have exhibited nationally and internationally. New members are welcomed annually, to create an exciting and progressive community. Our artists work mainly within 2D: painting, drawing, photography, printmaking and collage, with the range extending to sculpture, installation, performance, video and digital art.

For more information and recent exhibitions, see: www.riversideartistsgroup.com

Instagram: [@riversideartistsgroup](https://www.instagram.com/riversideartistsgroup)

Facebook: The Riverside Artists Group

Totally Thames 2021

Totally Thames is an annual arts and cultural month-long festival during September. Held at venues spanning the length of the river through London, events range from concerts and art installations to activities and exhibitions.

<https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/read-watch-listen/totally-thames-turns-25-with-exciting-2021-festival/>



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