

Exhibitions
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In early summer we will celebrate the first 15 years of Hastings Arts Forum with a high profile exhibition of work by distinguished artists connected to Hastings and St Leonards.

We intend to host a range of events including talks and debates to raise the profile of the Forum and the local art scene. What is distinctive about the Forum is that it has been running on the same agenda for 15 years without the benefit of public money. It is a model for supporting artists – it has helped, and will continue to help – artists to make a living and raise the standard of their work.

23 JANUARY– 4 FEBRUARY

JOHN HACKER IN MEMORIAM

OPEN EVENING: FRIDAY 26 JAN, 6.30–8.30pm

This exhibition features the work of abstract landscape painter, John Hacker who died in 2017. John was a long-time member and supporter of Hastings Arts Forum and served as a trustee.

In his words, “what concerns me is the moving push and pull of light, as it comes through dark, and dark through light. This movement can often appear as a narrative in my paintings and drawings.”



Above: John Hacker

Please note: The Gallery will be closed on Saturday 27 January for a private memorial event



6 FEBRUARY– 4 MARCH

STAINS & TRACES IV

OPEN EVENING: FRIDAY 9 FEB, 6.30–8.30PM

This theme has now become a staple for the Hastings Arts Forum exhibition calendar. This year the exhibition will run in the whole gallery for four weeks.

Stains and Traces was an original idea of former chairman, Ian Welsh and is based on 'representing the presence or absence of a figure as well as anthropomorphic echoes and resonances'.

This exhibition has been selected by a panel of artists from submissions in any media that reflect issues concerning the human form – or, conversely its absence.

Top: Helen O'Leary
Centre: Kate Gritton (detail)
Bottom: Susan Miller



6–18 MARCH

MEMBERS A–L

OPEN EVENING: FRIDAY 9 MAR 6.30–8.30pm

20 MARCH–1 APRIL

MEMBERS M–Z

OPEN EVENING: FRIDAY 23 MAR 6.30–8.30pm

Our annual members' shows give all our artist members the opportunity to exhibit one or two pieces of their work. Historically, a large variety of media, styles and approaches are demonstrated within these shows.

Our members range from renowned professional artists who have already developed a following, to artists at an earlier stage of their artistic journey. These exhibitions offer the former the opportunity to show a couple of pieces reflecting their current work without having to prepare an all-encompassing exhibition and it gives the latter the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Interested in becoming a member?

See back page for contact details.



Top: Lesley Barker
Centre: Ian Francis
Bottom: Katherine Reekie,
Installation near the pylons

3-15 APRIL

**ANTHONY PYKE:
REMEMBERING THE MOMENTS**

OPEN EVENING: FRIDAY 6 APR 6.30-8.30pm

Anthony Pyke's work has an international reputation and can be found in private ownership throughout the world.

His inspiration came from a profound understanding of landscape, and many of his later paintings are derivative of the landscape and seascape of the South-East coast of England where he lived.

Anthony Pyke died in 2001 at the age of eighty and his family would like his work to be shown widely so it can be appreciated and inspire other artists.

Right: The Groyne



17-26 APRIL

VOLUNTEERS SHOW

OPEN EVENING: FRIDAY 21 APR 6.30-8.30pm

The Hastings Arts Forum is dependent on its volunteers who give their time and expertise to run the Gallery and further the aims and objectives of the Forum. This show will feature a variety of work in a wide range of media by volunteers at various stages of their artistic journey, from the established professional artist to the emergent.



Top: Fran Bristow

Right: Martin Bradshaw, *Hop Field, Salehurst*



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Open Tuesday to Sunday 11am-5pm
The Forum is at the West end of Marine Court
36 Marina, St Leonards on Sea TN38 0BU



Hastings Arts Forum is a registered charity and members' organisation.

We provide high quality exhibition space at The Gallery at Hastings Arts Forum for professional artists at reasonable prices whilst also offering a variety of opportunities for young and emerging artists.

The Forum is funded through membership fees, hiring out the gallery space, modest commissions from the sale of artworks, fundraising events and donations.

Patron: Antony Penrose

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