

The Rising Sun Arts Centre

READING'S INDEPENDENT ART SPACE

September - December 2018



LIVE
EVENTS

WORKSHOPS &
CLASSES



PROJECTS &
PARTICIPATION



ABOUT US



We are an independent, award-winning arts centre firmly rooted in the community. The centre has brought groundbreaking, high quality arts to the town for 27 years. We have a strong commitment to making participation work and to making the centre as inclusive as possible. The Rising Sun Arts Centre is a registered charity governed by a board of trustees and has three part-time paid workers. Volunteers do all the core work of the centre and it survives on the basis of earned income with occasional funding for specific projects.



Rising Sun wins two Cultural Awards 2018



Genius Ideas take Bob to Yoga Festival



Here Comes The Sun Festival 2018

OUR HISTORY

The Rising Sun Temperance Tavern was built in 1877 among the then massed ranks of pubs and other houses of ill repute on Silver Street. It was built to the design of Alfred Waterhouse (also responsible for the far grander Natural History Museum in London) and is now listed as a Grade II building by English Heritage. After some years spent as a shop, the building eventually fell out of use and into disrepair, when it was squatted by artists in 1990. The group founded The Rising Sun Arts Centre, which opened its doors in 1991 and gained official charity status in 1997. It has been at the heart of Reading's cultural life ever since.

Check out our website
www.risingsunartscentre.org

Like us on facebook
facebook.com/risingsunartscentre

Follow us on twitter
[@risingsunarts](https://twitter.com/risingsunarts)

But most importantly...visit us!
30 Silver Street, Reading, RG12ST

VOLUNTEERING



Winners of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2016, The Rising Sun is run by a team of determined and talented volunteers who are responsible for all of the centre's core work. Our volunteers do everything - from staffing the bar, designing leaflets and organising events to managing projects, repairs and marketing. We always welcome new people to get involved.



RVA Volunteer Awards 2018

Be part of Reading's independent arts space. Let your creativity flourish and help us bring inclusive arts to the local community. If you'd like to find out more about volunteering with us, contact our Volunteer Coordinator via nikita.moody@risingsun-artscentre.co.uk

“The Rising Sun Arts Centre is probably the most inclusive organisation I ever had the experience of being involved with. Everyone involved in the centre is so genuine, interested, and passionate about making the centre the best that it can be. I feel completely at home at the Rising Sun, and feel that the centre brings out the best in me, and in what I can achieve.” Joanne



Bar/house management



Sound engineering

Scarlet Vixens

Stranger Flings

Saturday 1st September

7.30pm

£8 adv/£12 door/£15 VIP

Burlesque from the Upside Down!
Can you best the monsters you will encounter on this burlesque/D&D adventure and will your rolls be lucky enough to escape the Shadow Monster? 80s dress code.

Rocking Metal Burlesque!

Saturday 3rd November

7.30pm

£8 adv/£12 door/£17 VIP

A night of burlesque and variety inspired by the Dark Carnival.
More details to be released soon!



The Big Untidy Night Out

Second Friday of every month

Doors at 7:30pm

The Big Untidy Night Out specialises in bringing new undiscovered talent into the Rising Sun Arts Centre.

14th September

The Pawnbroker, Here Are The Young Men & Uncle Peanut, Frauds, C*It

12th October

Sound & vision special: Damian Clarke, George Whitfield (more tbc)

9th November

The Ady Baker Sound, Head Drop Kill Committee

14th December - bands tbc

See www.risingsunartscentre.org for more details and prices.





Club Velocity

8pm, prices vary, tickets available on wegottickets.com



15th September: Ben Marwood
The August List / Harroland

28th September: Vienna Dittto
The Keep Cats / Alphabet Backwards

20th October: Mark Morriss
Matt Stockl / Damien A Passmore

26th October: Pink Diamond Revue
Here Are The Young Men & Uncle
Peanut / Voodoo Radio

17th November: Jake Morley
Burnt Tomorrow

30th November: Tomorrow Bird
Bright Shadows / The Seasons in
Shorthand

8th December: The Keep Cats
Harroland / The Sonic Flowers

31st December: News Year's Eve
Gig - bands tbc.



Wall of Sound: Love Love Live

Saturday 22nd September
7.30pm £5.50 entry

Mark Jones, pioneering music mogul behind **Wall of Sound Records**, invites you to experience some of his favourite new discoveries in the first in a series of new music happenings:-

Hot Sauce Pony head up tonight, described as a "collision of the crushing and the delicate" by Soundblab, merging Pixies-style noise and ethereal vocals.

China Bears combine a raw lyricism with ambient guitars & choral vocals.

Purple Lights set the scene tonight, with their unique clash of rock and reggae cultures.



Green Rock River Band

Friday 5th October 8pm
£10 with £7 concessions

Returning to the centre after a stunning December debut and headlining Here Comes The Sun, The Green Rock River Band are a London based folk band crafting original songwriting with eclectic instruments. Washboards, guitars, banjos, trombones, fiddles and three-part harmonies blended together into a unique musical identity. Support once again comes from Reading's own riverbilly skiffers Dolly & The Clothes Pegs, promising an old-timey knees-up from start to finish.



Tribute Night: Eagles

Friday 2nd November 8pm
Suggested donation £5



As the Tribute Night train rumbles on through the wild and diverse terrain of popular music towards our 2018 autumn destination, our vista is tinted by a tequila sunrise.

Christmas Special

Saturday 15th December 8pm



'Twas the Trib Night before Christmas... Join us for another Yuletide jamboree of Christmas-related ditties as we immerse ourselves indulgently in festive spirit! A bunch of local musicians and Rising Sun regulars will treat you to a delicious spread of musical Christmas cheer and a right old knees-up it will be too.

Please send an email to the address below if you would like to perform at either of these events or join the mailing list. You can also visit the Tribute Night Facebook page.

Email tributenight@hotmail.co.uk





Live, Love, Dream

**BUILDING
A STRONGER
BRITAIN
TOGETHER**

Three events which combine to make a mini festival of togetherness. We aim in a small way to counter the trend towards building walls between people and aim to build bridges instead. The events will encourage sharing and learning.

All events are free. Each event will be accompanied by workshops and food. Look out for more information as we get nearer the dates.

Love

Saturday 27th October
2pm - 9pm

Visual arts event focussing on what we hold dear and opening our hearts to others. On friendship, kindness and compassion.

Live

Saturday 10th November
Evening event

Poetry event focussing on sharing stories and experiences of how we are shaped by the world around us and our relationships with others.

Dream

Saturday 1st December
Evening event

Music event based on our hopes and aspirations for the future and building a world for everyone.

Are You Listening? Festival Christmas Bash

Friday 7th December 8pm

Are You Listening? Festival presents a Christmas Shindig with some of their favourite acts performing. Keep an eye out on social media for line-up and ticket information.





Tango Select

Sunday 16th Sept / 18th Nov

5pm £8

Tango Select play classical tangos, milongas and vals including many favourite songs from tango's 'Golden Age' composers. Perfect music to dance to but also a great way to while away a Sunday afternoon if you love listening to inspiring world music.

Fiesta Latina

Saturday 29th September

9pm £6

Relaxed and friendly Latin party with salsa, tango, bachata, meringue, milonga and more.



Vintage Tea Dance 10th Birthday

Sunday 4th November

2pm - 6pm £10

Our 10th birthday special, begins with a vintage dance class at 2pm with **Reading Swing Jam**. Followed by live vintage tunes with **Lawrie Wright and The Silver Heels**, with tea and homemade cakes served on vintage crockery from 3pm - 5.30pm. Dress up in your best vintage outfits and shake a leg on the dance floor. It's the bee's knees! Check our website and facebook event page for full details and updates.



Open Page/Open Stage

Fourth Sunday of every month

23rd Sept/28th Oct/25th Nov

7pm - 10pm

Free entry donations welcome

Do you write? Read? Sing or draw?
Come and share your art. Open Page is
a monthly collaborative event for

people who like to make or appreciate. Like a traditional open mic, but with a focus on words and collaboration. The variety is always incredible, and the audience and contributors are what make it so special. A safe and comfortable space to showcase your work or simply meet other like-minded people. Come and be a part of Reading's new and growing community of artists, writers, musicians and enjoyers!

Bookface Chapter 9

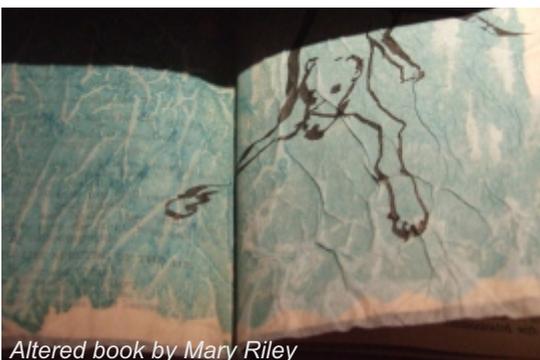
Saturday 13 October &

Sunday 14 October

11am - 5pm free entry

Browse stalls and share ideas at our artists' book fair weekend. Handmade books, small press, altered books, illustrators, printmakers, limited editions, poetry readings, exhibition, installations, workshops, demos and more. Relax in our café bar with homemade snacks and organic beer.

Check our website and facebook event page for full details and updates.



Altered book by Mary Riley

Stand Up Cinema

Third Friday of every month

Short films are shown prior to main feature

Suggested donation: £5



Collaboration between The Rising Sun and Real Time Video

Friday 21st September

The Long Goodbye

(Robert Altman 1973)

8pm

Elliott Gould plays Philip Marlowe as a scruffy, sardonic, alienated figure in Robert Altman's highly revisionist screen version of Chandler's classic. The first Altman film we've shown - it's a doozy.



Friday 19th October

Through a Glass Darkly

(Ingmar Bergman 1961)

8pm

Swedish drama tells the story of a young woman with schizophrenia spending time with her family on a remote island and having delusions about meeting God, who appears to her in the form of a monstrous spider. An Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film.

This film is sponsored by **Open Mind** and will include a short presentation on the depiction of mental health in cinema at 7.30pm. Donations welcome.





Stand Up Cinema: Experimental Short Film Night

Friday 16th November

7.30pm

An evening where artists and filmmakers can exhibit short experimental films. Filmmakers will be on hand to talk about the films, to network and socialise. Films need to be no longer than 3 minutes. FREE.

To show your film at this or any Stand Up Cinema evening please contact Real Time: info@real-time.org.uk

Real Time and Stand Up Cinema are working in collaboration with Reading College media students to produce short films before each main feature.

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Painting by Alice Banfield

Art Exhibition

Saturday 24th November
2pm - 9pm, free entry

The Rising Sun Arts Centre is pleased to present the third installment of the Rising Sun Salon Series. This show will bring a vibrant range of work to the centre. The venue will recreate the spirit of the Salon that brings people together socially to enjoy art and culture while exploring the way in which we encounter art. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served at the bar.



Christmas Art Market

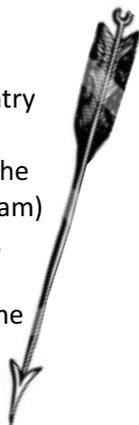
Sunday 2nd December
11am - 5pm Free Entry

Here's an excellent opportunity to buy unique, handmade and original works of art and craft direct from local artists. Browse stalls on two floors selling paintings, jewellery, printmaking, photography, ceramics, textiles and more. Treat yourself to homemade cakes, snacks and mulled wine in our cosy Yellow Teapot Café Bar. Plus, family art activities to give you that festive feeling! Put the fun back into Christmas shopping while supporting your local arts centre and artists. Check our website and event page for full details and updates.

Rising Sun Panto: Robin Hood

Tuesday 18th December
7.30pm, £3

Brutal Prince John has the country gripped by austerity measures. The poor take the brunt while the top 1% (The Sheriff of Nottingham) get richer. Robin Hood, an elite, liberal do-gooder, proposes robbing the rich and giving to the poor. Followed by Christmas party and disco.



Art Market Stall: Helen Lunn

The Diversity Social

Monthly

Sundays 9th September, 21st October,
11th November, 9th December
6.30pm - 9pm

The Diversity Social is a new, accessible social club for adults with mobility issues.

In September, join us on for a night of bingo and roulette. Every month there will be a theme, music, snacks and a bar. The club is run by Luisa and Steph. For further information, email info@edenmusicpr.co.uk or call Luisa on 07809709363.



Yellow Teapot Café

Every second Saturday
1pm - 3pm

8th September, 13th October
10th November, 8th December

The Yellow Teapot Cafe might do everything a cafe might do. You can buy tea, coffee and soft drinks, biscuit and cake. But we are an event, a haven for those who like to relax, look at books, be creative and drink tea.

Finchies Bar

Every other Tuesday
7pm - 9pm

September 4th, 18th
October 2nd, 16th, 30th
November 13th, 27th
December 11th

Bar run by people with learning disabilities. Finchies has been running for nearly 20 years and has in that time provided a relaxed and welcoming evening to all. Friendly and inclusive night out for anyone looking for good company.



MONDAY

Solo Jazz
&
Charleston

7.15pm - 8.30pm £5

A fun and informal weekly class guiding you through a series of jazz strolls and choreographed routines, led by Reading Swing Jam. Great for both complete newbies and those already familiar with partnered swing dances.

Bachata

7.30pm - 8.15pm: Bachata Moderna Beginners & Bachata Sensual Improver

8:15pm - 9:00pm: Bachata Moderna Improver & Bachata Sensual Int/Advanced

9:00pm -10:00pm: FREE Social Dancing

£7 one class or both classes and social dancing £10

Bachata is a sensual and romantic Latin dance from the Dominican Republic. See Facebook for more information.

Balboa

8.30pm - 9.10pm: Balboa Beginners £5

9.20pm - 10pm: Balboa Improvers £5

A weekly balboa class covering all of the main Balboa figures as well as ample technique and styling to get you social dancing. Balboa is a partner dance from the 1920s and 1930s for swing dance music. After each class there is social dancing. Contact us at balboamondays@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.



Balboa Mondays

WEDNESDAY

La Rueda

9pm: Intermediates £6
Every Other Wednesday from 5th September
Cuban salsa danced 'in the wheel'
Intermediate class only. Beginners classes organised periodically.
Contact Larry on 07765599433 for info.

Flamenco

8pm £6
Course covers expression with the arms, rhythms within the dance, choreography and improvisation. More info from Nuria at nuri_vallejera_garcia@hotmail.com

THURSDAY

Argentine Tango

7.30pm £6
The most elegant dance in the world, Argentine tango is not like other dances. It relies on the ability of the dancers to connect through the dance and create a shared, improvised experience. The steps are easy -the skill is in creating a close and sensitive connection with your partner. For more info, call Larry on 07765599433.



Flamenco

Classes, workshops and projects



Move Up and Step Up Projects

Day activities and training for people with learning disabilities. Creative activities and project based work. The project currently has places available on Monday and Wednesday - Contact Larry on 07765599433.



Zap Comedy

Every Tuesday
4.30pm



Comedy group for people with learning disabilities. The Zap Comedy team recently performed as part of Reading Fringe Festival and at Here Comes The Sun Festival. The group's next project is our annual panto, Robin Hood. Contact Larry Watson at larrywatson58@hotmail.com



Zap Comedy performing 'Levitation' at Here Comes The Sun Festival 2018



Open Mind

Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm Free

Open Mind is a platform for people interested in mental health issues to get together with media professionals to develop ongoing creative digital media projects.

Contact info@real-time.org.uk

Djembe Drumming Class

Every Wednesday

7.30pm - 9pm £5

Hands of Rhythm is a well established Djembe hand-drumming class led by drum teacher Abdul Davies from Gambia. Learn basic African rhythms and technique. New people can join any time.



Introduction to Egyptian Rhythms

Tuesday 23rd October

7.30pm - 9.30pm £5

Open to all levels, beginners welcome. Natasha will lead you through some of the most used rhythms in Egyptian/Arabic music...and maybe a few dance moves to go with them.



B.Alive.Art:

Life Drawing Workshop

Every Tuesday

7pm - 9.30pm

£7/£6 concessions

Draw from a model in a relaxed setting. Please bring your own materials and if possible a board.



Classes, workshops and projects



Comic/Graphic Novel Workshop

Third Tuesday of each month

18th Sept, 16th Oct, 20th Nov, 18th Dec

7.30pm £1

This is an ongoing monthly workshop to create a regular collaborative anthology comic book/graphic novel for publication. It is open to writers, artists or anyone who has an idea for a story. Contact Larry on 07765599433.

Bookface Bookclub

Second Saturday of every month

8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec

10am - 12pm £4

Informal artists' book group. Sharing our latest book finds and creations, sometimes includes art and craft activities for book making.

In September we will be making pages for a compiled book of work by members of the book group and other artists. Join us if you would like to take part, the book will be on display at Bookface book fair on 13th and 14th October.

See *Bookface Chapter 9 (page 9)*.

For more info see our website.



Book pages by Mary Riley and Richard Conway Jones



Denis Cotter

Art Space

Fourth Sunday of every month

23rd September, 28th October

25th November, 23rd December

1pm - 4pm Free

Informal space to create your own artwork. No tuition, bring your own materials. Tables provided.



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