

The Rising Sun Arts Centre

September - December 2017



READING'S INDEPENDENT ART SPACE

LIVE EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & CLASSES, PROJECTS & PARTICIPATION



ABOUT US

We are an independent arts centre firmly rooted in the community. The centre has brought groundbreaking, high quality arts to the town for 26 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 two 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.

GET INVOLVED

The Rising Sun is run by a team of courageous volunteers who are responsible for all of the centre's core work and sustain it with vision and skill. Be a part of something awesome. Email us at info@risingsun-artscentre.co.uk

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.



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But most importantly...visit us!
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Reading International: Abel Auer
Saturday 7 October 4.00pm



Reading International presents a new project by Stuttgart-based artist Abel Auer titled **'How a Black Void Replaces the White Cube and a Painting Moves from the Fine to the Performing Arts'**.

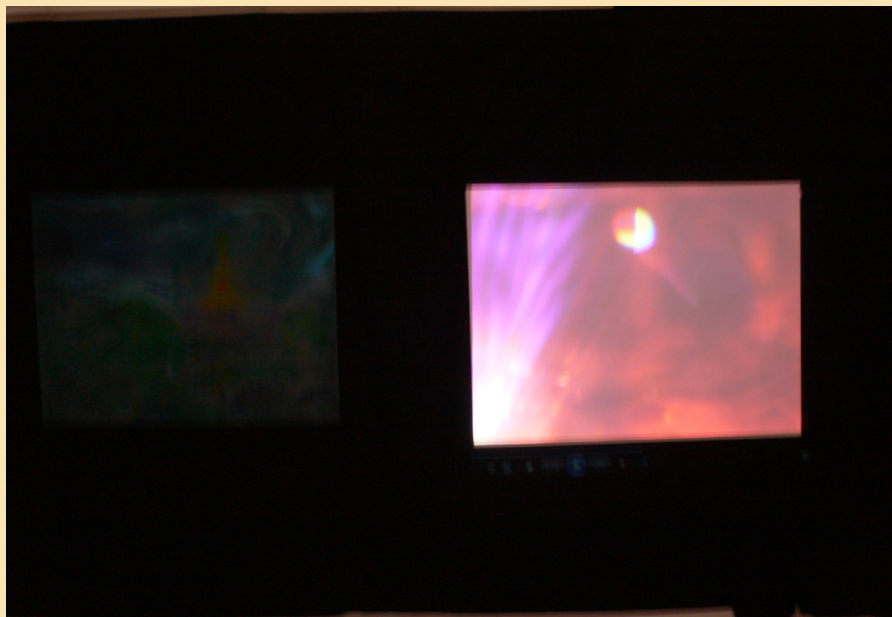
The exhibition connects musical influences to an installation based on a cinematic representation of the medium with an ambient soundtrack.

The title of Auer's installation refers to the very literal process of his attempt to extend the duration of captivation and contemplation for audiences:

'I've invented a new way to show painting that involves a cinematic representation called "CPS". The process involves a painting being illuminated in a dark room with a strong projector alongside drone music in a black cinematic void. People tend to spend much longer in front of each painting than they would in a white cube.'

Abel Auer was born in Munich in 1974. His work has been described as blurring the boundary between abstraction and figuration, between reality and hallucination, seriousness and the grotesque.

This project has been curated by Andrew Hunt and Saim Demircan. It will open between 4pm and 6pm on Saturday 7th October. The exhibition will remain at The Rising Sun until November 11th.



MONDAY

Solo Jazz
&
Charleston**7.15 - 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
&
Kizomba

7.30 - 8.15pm: Kizomba / 8.15 - 9pm: Bachata / 9 - 10pm: Social Dancing
£5 for one class / £8 both classes and social dancing / £3 social dancing only

Bachata is a sensual and romantic Latin dance from the Dominican Republic. Kizomba, along with Salsa and Bachata is now one of the most popular genres of dance and music. See Facebook for more information.

Balboa

8.30 - 9.10pm: Balboa Beginners / 9.20 - 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.

WEDNESDAY

La Rueda

9pm: Intermediates £6

Cuban salsa danced in the wheel – couples dance passing partners on around the wheel – great fun. We currently run an intermediates class only at 9.00 pm. Classes are every other week. Have a look at our facebook page - La Rueda at The Rising Sun. Beginners classes by arrangement for 3 or more people. Call Larry on 07765599433.

Flamenco

8.00pm £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**From 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 07765 599433.

"My Word" Poetry
2nd Thursday of Each Month
6.30pm £3

An opportunity for interested individuals to write poetry and reflect on current news events. Individuals can present their spoken word pieces and listen to others poetry in a relaxed environment.

Sessions in October in Support of Black History Month

- 14/09 - Would You Rather?
- 12/10 - Home and Identity
- 19/10 - 'Justice' and 'Broken Dreams'
- 26/10 - BHM Recital showcase on Home and Identity
- 09/11 - Do they have all the answers? Parent/Manager/God/Teacher
- 14/12 - End of Year Social Evening



Stand Up Cinema
Third Friday every month
Doors at 7.30pm, film starts at 8.00pm

Screenings of the best locally made film & video plus rarely seen classics, obscure documentaries, cult independents and overlooked modern gems.



Friday 15 September
Fitzcarraldo (Werner Herzog, 1982)
 A West German surreal adventure-drama film starring Klaus Kinski.

Friday 20 October
Greenpeace Fundraiser
 Starkey and the Moon Doctor, Bright Shadows and more to be confirmed. Plus some environmental themed videos will be shown.



Friday 17 November
Plan 9 from Outer Space (Ed Wood, 1959)
 An American independent black and white science fiction-horror film, starring Bela Lugosi, Mona McKinnon, Tor Johnson, and Vampira.



Kindred Spirit Band
Friday 11 November
8pm
£10/£8 concessions

The Kindred Spirit band sound is special and distinctive, driven by “haunting and bewitching” female vocals, guitar, two classically trained , virtuoso, lead instrument players (on violin and flute/sax), dynamic drums and bass guitar and laced with jigs, reels and duelling improvisations.

Tribute Night

Doors: 8pm Performance: 8.30pm

Suggested donation £5

If you would like to perform at either of these nights, please send an email to TributeNight@hotmail.co.uk

Bob Marley Tribute Night

Friday 3 November

Bob Marley highlighted the plight of the impoverished, called out the oppressors and agitated for social change, while simultaneously encouraging listeners to forget their woes and just dance.

Christmas Special

Saturday 9 December

'Twas the Trib Night before Christmas... Join us as we immerse ourselves in festive spirit! 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.



Club Velocity**Last Friday every month******Doors: 8pm**

17 September £9 adv*
Dick Valentine (Electric Six)

29 September £10 adv*
Mark Morriss (The Bluetones)

27 October £5 adv*
Vienna Ditto/Deerful/City Scaffold

24 November
The August List/Burnt Tomorrow/
Andy Citawarman

**Bandorama****Third Saturday every month****Doors: 8pm**

16 September £5 adv
Lucky Punks/Fighting With Kites/Daisy

21 October £5 adv
Little Red/Ocean Ruins/
Johnny Amphlett

18 November £5 adv
Quiet Quiet Band/Wolfs/Roves

*see risingsunartscentre.org for ticket details

**except for Sunday 17th September

Big Untidy Night Out**Second Friday every month****Doors: 7.30pm Performance: 8pm**

8 September £5
My Northern Sky/ Daniel Eagle/Ryan Greaves

13 October £7
Kent Nielsen/Damian Clarke/Robert Hokum

10 November £7
Pollyanna/Richard Earls/Los Chicos Muertos

8 December £5
Order#227/Grant Sharkey/
The Chateau Bateau Band





Classical for Charity
Saturday 2 December
Doors: 12.30 £3

Enjoy a series of hour-long classical and jazz concerts performed by local musicians and hosted by local pianist and piano teacher Maija Varvatsis. A regular event from which the proceeds are divided equally between The Rising Sun Arts Centre and a chosen charity.

Fiesta Latina

Saturday 30 Sept/28 Oct /25 Nov
9pm £6

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

Tango Select

Sunday 19 November
Starts 4.30pm £8

Tango Select play classic tangos, milongas and vals including lots of Golden Age favourites. Come and dance in a warm and friendly atmosphere or just come for the music and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of live tango.



Palm Honey**Friday 6 October****7.30pm****£4**

Palm Honey present to you a one-off improvised, interactive show.

Audience members are invited to perform alongside Palm Honey in an exploratory psychedelic jam session - no previous musical experience necessary.

Get your tickets online now.

Zap Magazine Launch**Tuesday 28 November****7.00pm**

Issue 7 of the Zap Magazine is out this autumn. Designed, edited and written by people with learning disabilities, the magazine aims to encourage its readers to try new activities and be more active. The launch party will be a chance to hear from some of the Zap Team and pick up a copy of the magazine. There will be an exhibition, information about the Zap website, live music, refreshments and merriment. All welcome.

Step Up Art**Saturday 23 September****12.00pm - 9.00pm**

Art exhibition featuring work by practicing artists who have a learning disability. Some of the artists involved in the exhibition have been working for many years and have a recognised standing in Reading as artists. All are committed to their work and vision and produce outstanding work in a range of forms. Artists include Denis Cotter, Jack Wellings, Linda Fiddler and Connor Medford-Hawkins. Cafe will be open. Check facebook for full details nearer the date. The show is organised by The Step Up Group with support from The Icarus Project.



Denis Cotter @ Here Comes The Sun

Vintage Tea Dance
Sunday 12 November
2.00pm £10

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!

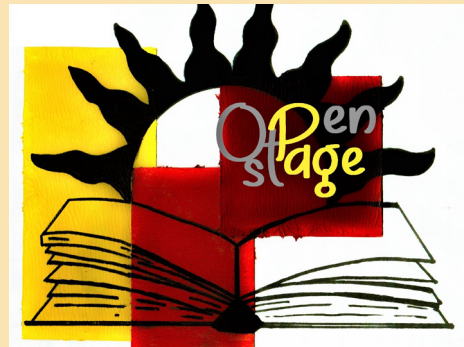
Check our website and facebook event page for full details and updates.



Open Page/Open Stage
**Sunday 24 September/
 22 October/26 November**
7 - 10pm
Free Entry (donations welcome)

A monthly collaborative event for writers, artists, musicians, and everyone in between! The premise is an extension of the traditional 'open mic', however the focus is on words and collaboration. We want people to come and showcase their art in a safe and comfortable environment.

If you're an artist, bring your work early on so we can hang it around. If you write – poetry, prose, songs, plays – bring a piece or an excerpt. Actors – come and practice for auditions! If you play an instrument, bring it along! Think of the evening as a cross-creative spectrum jam night.



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 to lean on.



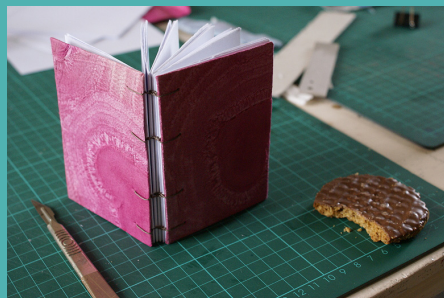
Djembe Drumming Class
Every Wednesday
7.30 - 9pm £5

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.

Bookface Bookclub
Second Saturday every month*
9 September/11 November/9 December
10am-12pm £4

This is a group for book lovers and makers. Monthly meetings vary with different workshops and talks as well as providing a space to make things mostly of the book variety!

*see page 13 for Bookface Chapter 8 artists' book fair in October.



Yoga Classes £9
Monday 6 pm-Vinyasa Flow
Wednesday 10 am-Restorative Gentle Flow
Thursday 6pm-Vinyasa Flow



Jackie teaches Vinyasa and Restorative Flow Yoga. In these classes you will learn to reconnect with your mind, body and soul through pranayama and meditation helping you to become a stronger, healthier, happy you.

For more info, contact Jackie via jkyogaflow@yahoo.com or 07802770150

Green Rock River Band

Friday 15 December

£10/£7 concessions

8pm

The Green Rock River Band offer a hybrid of old time sounds that universally connects with audiences. A sound that has echoed throughout decades of music history, in music hall, Americana, folk tradition and jazz.



Martin Alvarado - Así es mi Tango

Thursday 26 October

8pm

£12

Buenos Aires-born troubadour Martin Alvarado is Argentina's finest tango vocalist whose mesmerising voice has been enchanting audiences around the world for 14 years performing his acclaimed repertoire of Piazzolla, classic tangos, South American songs, and his own songs.

With special guest - Mikko Helenius playing piano and bandonion.



The Wizard of Oz

Tuesday 19 December

7pm

Free

Don't miss this year's panto from the Zap Comedy Group. Last years panto, Peter Pan was a real hoot.

This year The Zap Team in association with Finchies Bar and volunteers from The Rising Sun Arts Centre will present an epic Christmas production of Dorothy in the Land of Oz (The Untold Story). Followed by a disco and possibly a visit from Santa. Anything (and I mean anything) is possible.

(Matinee also available for local groups – free entry)

Contact Larry on 0118 9866788.



Bookface Chapter 8
Saturday 14 October &
Sunday 15 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.

Christmas Art Market
Sunday 3 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.





The Move Up/Step Up Project

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.

Art Space: Open Art Studio

Sept 24 / Oct 22 / Nov 26 / Dec 24

1 - 4pm

Come to this informal and social session to create your own artwork. No tutor, no pressure, bring your own materials. There will be opportunities to see what other people are doing and discuss ideas.



Zap Comedy

Every Tuesday

4.30 – 5.30pm

Comedy writing and performance group for people with learning disabilities. The group recently performed at Here Comes The Sun Festival in the summer and are now working on their next show. Contact larrywatson58@hotmail.com.

The Zap Magazine is funded by the People's health Trust



Finchies Bar

Alternate Tuesdays

Sept 5 & 19/Oct 3 & 17

& 31/Nov 14 & 28/Dec 5 & 19

7 - 9pm

A 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 of good company and conversation.

Finchies is currently running a training programme funded by the National Lottery Awards for All scheme giving training to people with learning disabilities to help to manage and run the night.



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