

The Rising Sun Arts Centre

Reading's Independent Art Space

January - April 2018

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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 25 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.

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!
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V E N U E W E E K

Once again, we are excited to be an official partner for Independent Venue Week 2018! This is a nationwide celebration of independent music venues and a chance to highlight how important they are in our communities. We are proud to be the only venue in Reading taking part. How are we marking the occasion? With a triple bill of Club Velocity, of course!

Check our website for ticket links and more information.

Friday 2nd February, 8pm

The August List

Little Red

Matt Stockl



Saturday 3rd February, 8pm

Quiet Quiet Band

Wolfs

The Keep Cats



Sunday 4th February, 8pm

Sean McGowan

Jake Morley

Burnt Tomorrow



dance classes

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!

Every Other Wednesday. Starts Weds 10th January, 9pm

This is an Intermediate class only so best to contact us to find out when it's happening etc.

Call Larry on 0776559943

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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

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THURSDAY

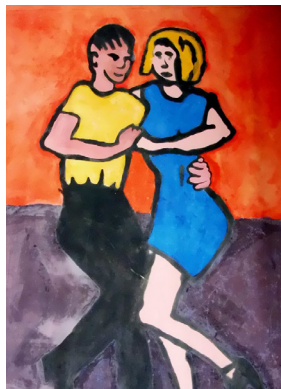
Argentine Tango

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.

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Fiesta Latina
Saturday 24th February
9pm £6

Latin party and dance night. Mainly salsa but some tango, bachata, etc as the mood takes us.
For more info contact Larry on - 07765599433



Tango Select
Sunday 18th March
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.



Heavy Pop
Saturday 10th March, 7:30pm

Reading promoters and Are You Listening? Festival founders present an evening of live music. Keep an eye on our website for more details.

Are You Listening? Festival Saturday 28th April

Are You Listening? Festival returns for its sixth installment in 2018, following the huge success of its fifth birthday in 2017. The Rising Sun will be taking part for the 3rd year running.



Acts already announced for the festival include Idles, Steve Lamacq (BBC6 Music), Yonaka, Vienna Ditto, Twin Sun, Deerful and Vinyl Staircase with many more to come.

See www.areyoulistening.org.uk for announcements and tickets.

The Big Untidy Night Out Second Friday of every month Doors at 7:30pm



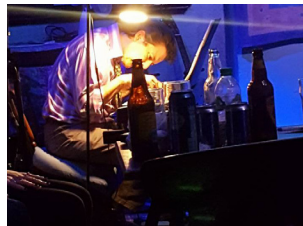
The Big Untidy Night Out specialises in bringing new undiscovered talent into the Rising Sun Arts Centre.

9th Feb - Pink Diamond Revue / Baron Mare /
Denny Paul Mills

9th March - Robert Hokum / Grant Sharkey /
Dr Slideshow

13th April - Thunder On The Left / Order #227 /
more TBC

See www.risingsunartscentre.org for more details and prices



Club Velocity **Last Friday of every month** **8pm**

See page 3 for Club Velocity's Independent Venue Week specials!



23rd Feb - Ed Lofstedt / Seasons in Shorthand / Ocean Ruins

30th March - TV Smith / Matt Stockl / The Rumpo Kidz

27th April - Tomorrow Bird / Jessica Lee Morgan / The Unaccompanied

See www.risingsunartscentre.org for prices and tickets



Bandorama **Third Saturday of every month** **8pm**

20th Jan - Dolly & The Clothespegs / Pink Diamond Revue / Head Drop

17th Feb - The Go Go Cult / Horse Rock / New Puritans

17th March - Death and the Penguin / The Makarov Scheme / The Keep Cats

21st April - The DeRellias / The Go Go Cult / Headsparks

See www.risingsunartscentre.org for prices and tickets



Stand Up Cinema
Third Friday of every month
8pm



Collaboration between The Rising Sun and Real Time Video

Friday 19th January - Bullitt (Peter Yates, 1970)

Frank Bullitt - a character who seems to be perfect for Steve McQueen is an under pressure cop who manages to remain professional in the face of adversity. Apparently, there's also a car chase.

Friday 16th February - His Girl Friday (Howard Hawks, 1940)

His Girl Friday is a screwball comedy (like a romcom but infinitely better) starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. She is an ace reporter about to go off and get married; he's the editor tempting her with stories to make her stay.

Friday 16th March - The Holy Mountain (La Montaña Sagrada) (Alejandro Jodorowsky, 1973)

A powerful alchemist leads a Christ-like figure and seven materialistic characters on a quest to the Holy Mountain where heaven and earth meet. A surreal, symbolist adventure about the search for enlightenment in a corrupt and greed driven world.

Friday 20th April, 7.30 pm - Experimental Films

An evening where artists and filmmakers show short experimental films. Film makers will be on hand to talk about the films and the evening will be a chance to network and socialise.

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



Tribute Night Friday 26th January

Doors at 8pm

Free entry, suggested donation of £5

All donations go to The Rising Sun

We'll be spinning around where the wild roses grow at the 2018 winter edition of Tribute Night as we pay homage to the people's pop princess, Kylie Minogue.

If you would like to perform at Tribute Night, join the mailing list or to find out more, please send an email to: TributeNight@hotmail.co.uk



Balboa Tea Dance Sunday 25th March 2-6pm £10



Join us for a charity swing dance raising money for the Rising Sun's building work. The afternoon tea dance is run by Lynn from Balboa Mondays and includes a free taster class so you can pick up the basics and enjoy this lovely, vintage, partner dance. No experience or partner necessary. Homemade cakes and tea provided and DJs will play dance music from 2.30pm.

Contact balboamondays@gmail.com for info.

The Scarlet Vixens present: 'Distressed Disney' Burlesque!
Saturday 3rd March
8pm

£8 advance / £12 on the door /VIP package £17 (includes glass of fizz, front row seats with table and nibbles)

The Scarlet Vixens are back, this time we are bringing you a night of burlesque and variety from our favourite Disney characters - but be prepared, this is some messed up Disney! Check facebook for more details and ticket links.

What are you waiting for? These shows sell out fast so be sure to get your tickets before it's too late!



Greg Chapman
Saturday 14th April
2:30-4:30pm (matinee) / 8-10pm (evening)
£8 / £5 concessions

Physical comedy, risky juggling, stunning magic, daring escapes, contact juggling, dramatic storytelling and so much more are wrapped up in 90 minutes of fast-paced, exciting entertainment! With a matinee show aimed at family audiences and an evening show aimed at an adult audience, we have two shows to entertain everyone!



Fusion

Saturday 24th March

For this one day event, The Rising Sun Arts Centre will host an ensemble of artists working with sound. Focusing primarily on artists who eschew traditional artistic mediums, Fusion will be an immersive auditory experience tinged with chaos.

Curated by Simone Hesselberg with support from The Rising Sun Arts Centre and Reading International.



a one day assemblage of sound, art and people

Saturday 24th March 2018

Greenpeace Fundraising Event

Friday 6th April

8pm

Free entry, donations on the night



Expect music, comedy and a fantastic night. Check our website and facebook for more details.

Greenpeace defends the natural world and promotes peace by investigating, exposing and confronting environmental abuse, and championing solutions.



Dance Day
Sunday 21st January
10:30am - 4:30pm

The 4th year of what has become a popular annual event. Dance Day gives you the chance to try out different dances in hour long taster classes all for free. Featured dances include salsa, tango, bachata, kizomba, swing, balboa, flamenco plus other guest dances to be announced. Dance all day if you want to or hang out in our cafe which will be selling home made cakes and savouries. (Each dance class means you can have a guilt free piece of cake – how amazing is that?)

Check out facebook nearer the time for up-to-date schedule of classes.

Kinde
Saturday 7th April
8pm **£10/£8 concessions**

Kinde is an extraordinarily gifted and talented composer/songwriter/guitarist and singer from Habana, Cuba.

Kinde will be appearing here with the mighty percussionist Carlos Fuentes.

Be prepared to dance!



'My Word' Poetry Workshop

6:30-8:30pm

£3

Creative writing and performance workshops. Opportunities to write, share and perform.

We use themes from current news topics, politics, identity and lifestyle. All that is required of participants is to bring a pen, notebook and their creativity!

Workshop Dates & Topics:

Monday January 8th

'New Year New...?'

Thursday February 8th

'Valentines Love Poetry/Happy and Solo'

Thursday March 8th

'Put a Spring in your Step'

Thursday April 12th

'The Countdown - 1 year to Brexit'

For more info, please visit:

www.mywordpoetry.weebly.com



Djembe Drumming Class

Every Wednesday

7-9:30pm

£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.



B:Alive.Art : Life Drawing Workshop
Every Tuesday
7-9:30pm **£7 / £6 concessions**

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



Drawing courtesy of Tanisha Walker

Needle Craft
Every fortnight on Tuesday
7:30pm **£6**

Starts Tuesday 16th January

Join us for a relaxing evening of crafts which include sewing, knitting or crochet. Beginners and all skills welcome. Bring projects and material (including your sewing machine) or come and be inspired by existing projects or start a new one! Learn how to set up, thread and use a sewing machine; also learn to knit or crochet. There will be one sewing machine in the class.

For more details, contact Ravinder at ravii.kaur@hotmail.co.uk

Open Mind
Tuesdays
6-7pm **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 Tom for details at tomzajac@hotmail.com

projects & other events

Finchies Bar

Alternate Tuesdays - 9th/23rd Jan, 6th/20th Feb, 6th/20th March, 3rd/17th April

7-9pm

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. Relaxed and friendly, inclusive night out for anyone looking for good company.

Finchies is currently running a training programme for people with learning disabilities to help manage and run the night.

Open Page, Open Stage

Fourth Sunday of every month

7-10pm Free entry, donations welcome

28th Jan/25th Feb/25th March/22nd April



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.

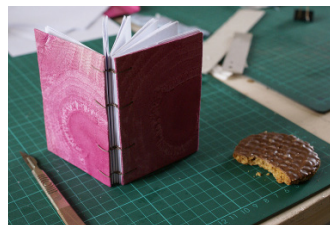
The variety is always incredible, and the audience and contributors are what makes it so special. A safe and comfortable space to showcase your work or simply meet other like-minded people.

Come and be a part of Reading's new and growing community of artists, writers, musicians and enjoyers!

Bookface Bookclub
2nd Saturday of Every Month
10-12pm **£4**
13th Jan/10th Feb/10th March/14th
April

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

Jan 13th - we will be doing some small scale fabric dying and mixed media staining
Feb 10th - printing
March 10th - making fabric bunting from the work of our last two sessions



Veggie Dining
Sunday 11th February **£10/£7 concessions**

Come and feast on our vegetarian (and often vegan and gluten-free too!) delights in the lovely atmosphere of the Rising Sun.

Three-course set meal of home-made fare brought to you by vintage volunteers ready to tickle your tastebuds and bring you the communal dining experience you all crave on a cold February Sunday. Plus it's nearly Valentine's day, so bring along your true love to win their heart through their stomach and be romanced by some local entertainment!



projects & other events

Move Up and Step Up Projects Mondays - Thursdays



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 writing and performance group for people with learning disabilities. The group recently launched the latest issue of Zap Magazine and performed 'The Wizard of Oz' in December.

THE ZAP MAGAZINE IS FUNDED BY THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH TRUST

Art Space 1pm - 4pm Free Fourth Sunday of every month

Jan 28th/Feb 25th/ March 25th/April 22nd

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

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