

Watts Gallery – Artists’ Village listings

August - October 2024

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Exhibitions

Edo Pop: Japanese Prints 1825 - 1895

19 March - 6 October 2024

Included in admission (£15) | Friends go free

Visit Watts Gallery - Artists’ Village and step inside the floating world of classical Japanese woodblock prints. Embark on a journey through the dynamic history of Edo (1604-1868), a thriving hub that flourished during a time of seclusion and tranquillity, now known as Tokyo. Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Ukiyo-e, the meticulously handcrafted and intricate Japanese woodblock prints that portray the characters and daily lives of Edo’s locals. Initially commissioned as a commercial art form by renowned personas like kabuki actors, geishas, and courtesans, these prints served as a favoured means of entertainment before the dawn of photography in the late 1800s. Generously loaned by Frank Milner, art historian and writer.

Image: Toyohara Kunichika (1835 - 1900), *Three Otokodate and the New Shimbashi Station*, 1872, Colour print from woodblocks. Collection of Frank Milner.



Hiroko Imada at Watts Gallery

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Discover the enduring influence of the historical Japanese woodblock printing process and experience a captivating new site-specific installation at Watts Gallery by Tokyo-born contemporary artist, Hiroko Imada. Imada’s work, titled *Sakura saku* ('Cherry blossoms are blooming'), celebrates the natural themes in the 19th-century prints in *Edo Pop: Japanese Prints 1825 - 1895*.

Image: Hiroko Imada, Installation image of *Sakura saku*, 2024. Watts Gallery Trust.



Hanga Ten: Japanese Printmaking Today

Watts Contemporary Gallery

20 June - 1 September 2024

Free entry, all works for sale

Watts Contemporary Gallery is excited to present *Hanga Ten at Watts: Japanese Printmaking Today*. This exhibition features works by five contemporary Japanese printmakers represented by Hanga Ten, showcasing the enduring influence of Japan's rich printmaking history. While woodblock printmaking tends to be widely associated with Japanese prints, the exhibition explores a range of other techniques, such as mezzotint, silkscreen and Kappa-zuri (Japanese stencil printing).

Image: Nana Shiomi, *Even Monkeys Tea Bowl*. Courtesy of the artist.



Edges

13 July - 3 November 2024

Included with admission (£15) | Friends go free

Immerse yourself in a site-specific ceramic installation and sound trail across Watts Gallery - Artists' Village. Produced by artist-curators Kay Aplin and Joseph Young of The Ceramic House, and in partnership with Irish curator and sound artist Richard Carr, *Edges* explores ceramics and sound art practice through the work of artists from three nations at the western and eastern fringes of Europe; Ireland, UK and Estonia. The works were developed as part of artist residencies and international exchanges, creating collaborative encounters across the two disciplines and exploring what it means to work at the edge of something and how we understand the outsider. This installation will feature new site-specific works from Kay and Joseph, which were produced during their residency at Watts Gallery.

Image: Kay Aplin, *Foraminifera*, 2024. Courtesy of the artist.



Upcoming exhibitions

Jonathan Chiswell Jones: 50 years a potter

5 September - 24 November 2024

Free entry, all works for sale

Jonathan Chiswell Jones is one of the world's pre-eminent makers of lustreware. Watts Contemporary Gallery welcomes him to celebrate fifty years of his work as a potter with an exhibition showing a variety of works produced over the past five decades. From the first pot he made as a young boy to recent ceramic pieces, specifically made for the exhibition.

Image: Jonathan Chiswell Jones, *Old Man's Beard*



Romero Potters: two years on

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September 2024

Free entry

Watts Gallery - Artists' Village presents a group exhibition by the Romero Potters from The Grange in Bookham. The Grange supports adults with learning disabilities to lead independent lives and provides, amongst a range of sessions, an opportunity to develop pottery skills. This exhibition follows the potters on their journey of exploration and creative expression, choosing subjects important to them.

Image: Courtesy of The Grange



Workshops

Pottery taster sessions

Thursdays - Sundays, 18 July - 25 August

£12 | Members £10.80

This summer, head to Watts Gallery - Artists' Village for morning ceramic workshops for all ages. From 18 July - 25 August, the Foyle Pottery Studio will open its doors to visitors to create with clay. Guided by skilled artists, learn the techniques to craft your very ceramics pieces. On Thursdays and Saturdays, make your own terracotta tile, or create a decorative pinch pot on Fridays and Sundays. Workshops can be booked as an add-on to your admission, or as a stand-alone workshop without admission.



Saturday sketch

**Saturdays 10 August, 14 September and 12 October
£24 | Members £21.60**

Grab a sketchbook and join a relaxed class to learn tips and techniques to bring your sketchbook pages to life. Take inspiration from the Watts Gallery site, with a different theme each session - whether it be nature and the woodland, observing natural materials such as leaves, feathers and plants, or being inspired by our collections.



Pottery course

**Weekly on Tuesdays, 10 September - 8 October
£180 | Members £162**

Join Ceramist Luisa Cacciotti for a five-week pottery course - choose between a morning or afternoon time slot. The course will cover a range of hand building techniques including pinch, slab and coil pots, and there will be an opportunity for throwing on the wheel. To complete your course experiment with slip decorating and glaze finishes. This course is suitable for all skill levels; whether you are new to pottery or have previous experience.



Masterclass: Japanese calligraphy and stone carving

**Saturday 21 September
£125 | Members £112.50**

To celebrate the *Edo Pop* exhibition, head to Watts Gallery and join artist Nao Fukumoto to learn traditional Japanese calligraphy techniques. Carve your own unique stone signature stamp to use with ink or on surfaces such as clay to make an impression.



Handcrafted homeware: bathroom set

Friday 27 September

£40 | Members £36

Create your own handcrafted bathroom set including a ceramic soap dish and matching toothbrush holder with artist Katie Netley.

Using terracotta clay, learn techniques for shaping the clay and creating relief patterns on the surface. Get inspired by Katie's contemporary designs or look at the arts and crafts patterns of Mary Watts.

Your pieces will be glazed and fired for you to collect in a few weeks and add your unique style to your home or give as a special handmade gift.



Handcrafted homeware: ceramic mugs

Friday 11 October

£40 | Members £36

Head to Watts Gallery to design and make your own hand-built mug, working with a slab pot technique and adding your own creative decorative touches to finish. Mugs will be clear glazed, fired and ready for you to collect in a few weeks for your favourite tea, coffee or hot chocolate!



Masterclass: sound and sketch with Joseph Young

Saturday 19 October

£60 | Members £54

Join artist Joseph Young for a masterclass that will take you into the world of sound. Joseph will guide you on a mindful, meditative walk through the Watts Gallery woodland to observe and record the soundscape, followed by some sketching inspired by your experience. Following the workshop, Joseph will host a talk alongside co-curator Kay Aplin about their site-specific ceramic installation and sound trail, *Edges*.



Masterclass: ceramics with Kay Aplin

Saturday 19 October

£125 | Members £112.50

Join artist Kay Aplin for a special ceramics masterclass. Learn some of Kay's techniques looking at natural forms on a microscopic level to inspire and create beautiful relief tiles. Zoom in on natural forms with a powerful microscope to select imagery and create terracotta tiles with ornate patterns and designs. Following the workshop, Kay will host a talk alongside co-curator Joseph Young about their site-specific ceramic installation and sound trail, *Edges*.



Special events

Tintype photography studio

29 - 31 August

£190 per studio session

Book a special studio session with professional, award-winning photographer, Emma Brown and capture your individual or family portrait with the historical process of tintype photography. Emma invites you to join her for your session in the studio which has been turned into a darkroom, so that you can sit for your portrait and see the fascinating process as the image is developed onto the metal plate in front of you. You will take home a unique handmade tintype plate and will also receive a digital copy of the image.

Image: Emma Brown, Portrait of Charlie Betts from *A Portrait of Watts* series. Courtesy of the artist.



Jonathan Chiswell Jones: in conversation with Rich Miller

Saturday 7 September

£28 | Members £25.20

Join us for this special opportunity to hear artist Jonathan Chiswell Jones in conversation with The Great Pottery Throw Down's Rich Miller. As we celebrate the opening of *Jonathan Chiswell Jones: 50 years a potter* exhibition in the Watts Contemporary Gallery, this will be a wonderful chance to meet the artist and hear more about Jonathan's pottery and processes. Take a look around the exhibition with Jonathan and Rich before enjoying conversation between the two artists. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A and tea and coffee will be provided.



Heritage Open Day

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September

Free entry

Explore the unique history of Watts Gallery - Artists' Village and enjoy free entry and tours to discover the heritage of this Arts and Crafts gem.

To celebrate Heritage Open Days, we are offering free entry on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September. See Victorian art in the Historic Galleries and discover the *Edo Pop* exhibition. Explore the Grade I listed Watts Cemetery Chapel and visit Limnerslease, the home and studios of Mary and George Watts.



Edo Pop: collector's tour

Thursday 19 September

£25 | Members £22.50

Join us for this special twilight tour with art historian and writer Frank Milner; avid collector of Japanese woodblock prints who has generously loaned his collection for the current display of *Edo Pop*.

This exclusive evening event offers a rare opportunity to discover more about the person behind the collection, what has inspired his interest in collecting, as well as the unique chance to see prints in his collection which are not on display in the exhibition.



Surrey library cardholder open day

Saturday 12 October

Free entry with a valid Surrey County Council library card

Surrey library card holders can enjoy free entry on Saturday 12 October 2024 with Surrey County Council. See Victorian art in the Historic Galleries and discover the Grade I listed Watts Cemetery Chapel with unique decorative features. Visit Limnerslease, the home and studios of Mary and George Watts. Then wander up to the Watts Contemporary Gallery to see the latest exhibition, *Jonathan Chiswell Jones: fifty years a potter*, with artworks for sale.



Talks and tours

Chapel chats

Saturday 14 September

Included with admission

As part of our Heritage Open Days, our knowledgeable guides are available in the Chapel to explain Mary's amazing designs and inspiration. Find out more about the complex symbolism behind the Grade I listed Arts & Crafts Chapel, recognised as one of the most important art nouveau buildings in Britain created by Mary Watts.



Families and young people events

Summer holidays

20 July - 1 September

We have lots on offer for families to explore Watts Gallery - Artists' Village this summer. You can bring the whole family for a full day of art, exploring and creativity. Explore pottery workshops and fun Family Days, pick up a Top Trumps Trail card during your visit to find some of the characters seen in the *Edo Pop* exhibition, and don't forget to have an adventure in the Verey Playwood on your visit!

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Summer Family Days

Tuesdays 6, 13 and 20 August

£14 Child | Member child £12.60

£5 Adult | Member adult £4.50

Join us for a Summer Family Day, inspired by Japanese creative practices celebrated in our current exhibitions *Edo Pop: Japanese Prints 1825 - 1895* and *Hanga Ten at Watts: Japanese printing today*. Try your hand at sketching, two-toned printing, making paper flowers, and creating your very own wall hanging!



Watts Creatives: life drawing

Thursday 22 August

£27.50 | Members £24.75

For 13- to 18-year-olds

Join artist Rachel Mercer, who specialises in introducing life drawing to younger audiences, for a life drawing workshop. In this class, students will gain skills in sustained observational drawing from the nude model. Beginners in life drawing will be introduced to techniques to improve fluency, developing hand-eye coordination and speed. The class will focus on layering and reworking drawings to challenge accuracy while also considering tone.



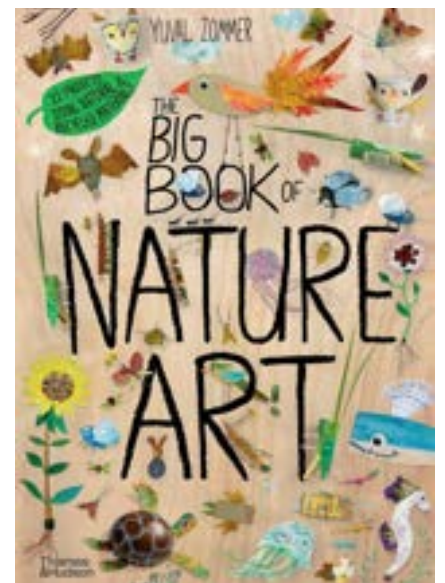
The Big Book of Nature Art workshop

Sunday 15 September

£8 | Family ticket £25

For 5-to-9-year-olds

Join best-selling author, illustrator and environmentalist Yuval Zommer at Watts Gallery for a fun nature art workshop to celebrate *The Big Book of Nature Art*. Using natural, recycled and found materials you'll get to create your own nature art. This event is part of the Guildford Book Festival.



Regular family workshops

Clay Club

Weekly on Sundays, 15 September - 3 November

Child £10 | Member child £9

Adult £5 | Member adult £4.50

Every Sunday, join our Watts ceramicist for Clay Club! As a family, get hands-on and messy with clay to wedge, carve, mould, roll, sculpt and create clay masterpieces.

Themes will change fortnightly, inspired by Watts Gallery's rich heritage of pottery, current exhibitions and contemporary influence (as well as lots of fun and imagination). Take part in a one-off workshop or build Clay Club in as a regular part of your families' creative time together.



Watts Tots

Weekly on Fridays starting 4 October

Child £6 | Member child £5.40

Adult £3 | Member adult £2.70

Bring your tots to Watts Gallery to explore our collection together! Join us in the Historic Galleries for sensory, playful sessions inspired by themes of nature, art and family, to support your tots to look, communicate, and create connections with confidence.



October half term

26 October - 3 November

This October, round up the whole family to enjoy half term at Watts Gallery - Artists' Village with our Clay Club, Watts Tots, creative workshops and Verey playwood.

Figure drawing

Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 October

Child £25 | Member child £22.50

Tuesday 29 October: for 8-to-10-year olds

Wednesday 30 October: for 11-to-13-year-olds

This October half term, head to Watts Gallery for a workshop to guide your drawing skills, with some activities and games, and observational sketches. Create realistic bodies and faces, then use your imagination to bring them to life with character!



Volunteer with us

If you enjoy art and meeting new people, learning something new or developing your skills and opportunities, why not become a volunteer for Watts Gallery - Artists' Village?

We are very proud of what we do and none of it would be possible without our volunteers. We are always looking for additional talent to bring new skills and a fresh perspective to our team. Everyone is welcome to join the Watts family!

To find out more, call the Visitor Experience Team on 07990 954 408 or email volunteers@wattsgallery.org.uk



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