



BIRMINGHAM ARTISTS

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Birmingham Artists stage showcase event

Hundreds of people are expected to attend an “open weekend” at one of the Midlands’ premier art studios to view work by some of the region’s top artists.

More than 40 members of Birmingham Artists (BA) will be showcasing their paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculptures and installations during the three-day event later this month. They will also be on hand to chat to visitors about their work.

All 27 studios used by BA members at Lee Bank Business Centre in Holloway Head, Birmingham will be open to the public between November 17 and 19, 12 noon-5pm, with a private viewing on November 17 from 6pm to 8pm.

“This is a free-of-charge annual event aimed at the public, so that people can see what goes on in art studios, and it usually attracts about 400 people,” explains BA Coordinator Pamina Stewart. “It is also an important way for artists to showcase their work and an opportunity for the public to buy art direct from the artists.

“All 26 of our artists who have studios, plus many of the 50 members of the print workshop based in one of the studios, some of whom are BA members, will have their work on display and be around to talk to visitors and give demonstrations. A further 14 BA members not based at Lee Bank will be displaying their work in the corridors and will also be available to meet the public.

“Our studios, which are owned by the city council, are the best in Birmingham because they are purpose-built.”

The “open weekend” will also feature a drawing show with entries from about 40 BA members.

Birmingham Artists, a support and lobby group, has about 150 members from across the West Midlands.

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