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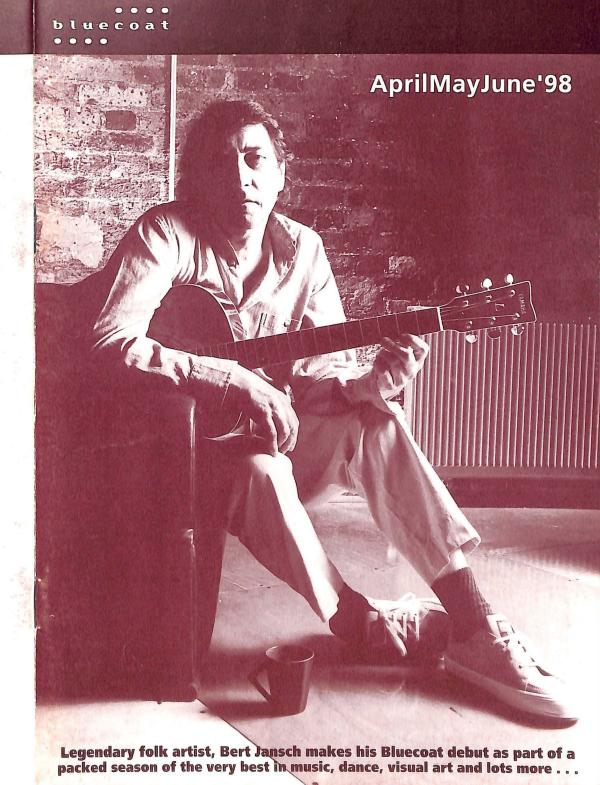
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"Art has a principally important role to play in countering the crude economic globalisation philosophy by a new humanism of decolonisation and transculturalism. This cannot be done by turning one's back to the global perspectives and digging for roots. It must take place in the present, where our perceptions constantly are remoulded. The whole business about 'cultural identity' must be considered. It has become one of the dependencies from which we have to claim independence in order to negotiate a way forward."

Everlyn Nicodemus







At A Glance

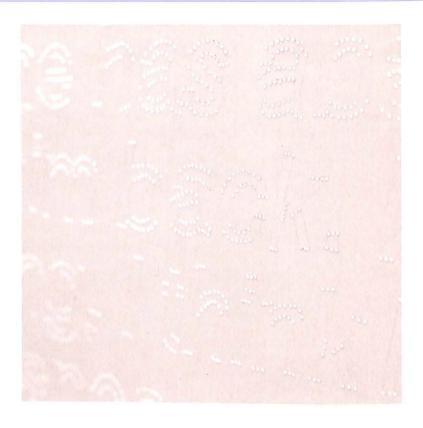
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Workshop opportunities accompany a number of events

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Kim Merrington Judgement detail 1997

Lines of Desire

11 April - 9 May

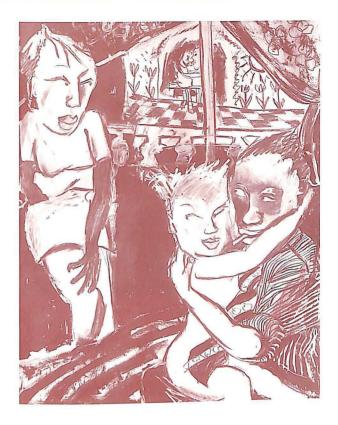
An Oldham Art Gallery and Liverpool John Moores University touring exhibition



An exhibition featuring twenty two artists from Britain, Europe and South Asia, all from different disciplines, but brought together by the practice of drawing. Using traditional materials to explore representations of the human body, *Lines of Desire* examines the accelerating connections between Eastern and Western drawing conventions and aesthetics, as well as looking at artists' use of computer technologies as a graphic tool. The exhibition includes a number of specially commissioned works, including **Alice**Maher's, which explore cultural perceptions of hairstyles in the construction of female identity and appearance, **Folake Shoga's** look at pregnancy and birth in relation to concepts of the goddess and Catholicism, and **Brian Jenkins'** large self portraits, investigating perceptions of disability.



Life Drawing Class accompanies Lines of Desire, see Education & Hands On, page 12



Kim Tong My Heart Belongs to Daddy 1994/95

Artist's Talks

1 – 2pm free Tuesday 26 May

Jane Campling discusses her work in Looking Glass. (see page 6)

To mark the end of her residency at Liverpool John Moores University as the Stuart
Sutcliffe Fellow, Jane Campling will be exhibiting site specific work at the Bluecoat and
photographs at the Hope Street Gallery, focussing mainly on the work that she produced
within the year Jane will also discuss the practicalities of the residency.

For further details about artists talks and educational events around the exhibition programme, please contact the gallery on 0151 709 5689.

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Untitled Jane Campling

Jane Campling Looking Glass

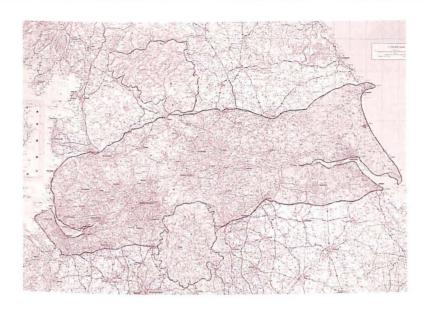
23 May - 6 June





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Jane Campling is currently Stuart Sutcliffe Fellow at Liverpool John Moores University. *Looking Glass* marks the end of the fellowship and will be exhibited in two sites, Bluecoat and Hope Street Gallery. The work represents an investigation into hidden lives. Photographs of early twentieth century circus performers have been re-photographed and displayed in tiny lenses on a window. The anonymous images appear in a state of limbo, ghostly marks of the past which reference childhood fantasies of the absurd. A video projection of a contemporary circus performer, tight rope walking, is projected onto layers of plastic, distorting the image, creating a subtle and ghostly effect.



Casting a Green Net. Can It Be We Are Seeing a Dragon

Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison

In association with Artranspennine 98

Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison Casting a Green Net: Can It Be We Are Seeing a Dragon

23 May - 15 August

A web site located at www.dragon org.uk accompanies the exhibition and there will be other opportunities for public discussion and interaction with the project in the gallery as well as education and participation events

Artranspennine 98 is a major international exhibition of contemporary visual art, featuring 60 artists, 40 projects and 30 sites across the Pennines revealing the life, culture and diversity of the region. Taking place over the summer this unique exhibition encompasses Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds and Hull, bringing art to the widest possible audience. Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison are veteran 'eco' artists from San Diego in California. Their collaborative projects have consistently directed public and official attention towards the need to value ecological understanding and debate within political decision making at both the macro and micro level.

For Artranspennine 98, the artists have researched and developed an exhibition and web site in response to the ecology of the region, from the Mersey to the Humber, an area measuring some 35 by 110 miles, and home to nine million people. Presented through a series of large free hanging maps, reworked from ordnance surveys, the art work uses word, image and narrative to fashion a green network of sites and development proposals stretching across the North of England. These maps, described by the artists as 'sustainability icons', serve to delineate a pathway to an emergent new history capable of expressing the overall spirit of place, in which urban, agricultural, economic, social, geographical and ecological values are interwoven. By chance, as the artists mapped the area, an image of an awkwardly shaped flying dragon emerged from the boundary lines, adding a further metaphorical layer to the artists' conceptual design for the future of the region



The Bearcat Cajun Playboys





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Thursday 9 April 8pm £7 / £5

A night of infectious dance music as 'the best cajun musicians in Britain' (*The Independent*) let the good times roll with the powerful and exhilarating style of traditional cajun. This barnstorming combination features **Chris Hall** (cajun accordion, vocals), **Jock Tyldesley** (fiddle, vocals), **John Elliott** (guitar), **Sam Murray** (drums, triangle) and



Mitch Proctor (fiddle, lap steel guitar, vocals). Plus a chance to trip the light fantastic yourself as cajun dance teachers **Phil Hodson** and **Barbara Coppock** of *Allon Dancer* drive you onto the dance floor and lead the way in the fluid and flirtatious dance moves of the cajun two-step and waltz.

Authentic cajun food on sale in the Cafe Bar from 7pm

John Mayer's Indo-Jazz Fusions

Thursday 23 April 8pm £6.50 / £4.50

Indian born violinist **John Mayer** first assembled Indo-Jazz Fusions in the 1960s, establishing a world wide reputation for their evocative fusion of Indian music and Jazz. Mayer has returned to his pioneering format with new personnel, and a line up featuring tabla, sitar, flute and tambura with saxophone, piano, trumpet, bass and drum, playing original compositions that owe as much to the Indian classical tradition as to Jazz.



Jazz Jamaica

June Tabor



June Tabor

8pm f6.50 / f4.50 Friday 1 May

Hailed as the leading voice in British folk music, June Tabor's powerful artistry has also much in common with the popular traditions of Germany (typified by singers such as Lotte Lenya and Ute Lemper). Her vocal interpretations evoke a British spiritual equivalent to the songs of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill. During her career she has worked

with some of the major artists of traditional music, including Steeleye Span's **Maddy Prior**, while collaborators on her album releases include **Elvis Costello**, who has written especially for her. 'One of the great interpreters of contemporary song' *The Times*.

Jazz Jamaica

8pm f8/f6 Friday 8 May

'The best dance band in the countrythere is simply nothing finer ...joyful and stirring'

Venue Magazine.

The torchbearers of Jamaica's musical rhythms make a long overdue return to the Bluecoat with their irresistible blend of jazz, ska, mento and reggae. Formed by original Jazz Warrior, Gary Crosby (double bass), an outstanding line-up includes Brian Edwards (alto sax), Clifton 'Bigga' Morrison (keyboards), Dennis Rollins (trombone), Michael 'Bammie' Rose (tenor sax, flute), Kenrick Rowe (drums), Eddie'Tan Tan' Thornton (trumpet), Tony Uter (percussion) and Alan Weekes (guitar). Between them, they have notched up over a century of experience playing with some of the greats of reggae and jazz, including Gregory Isaacs, the Israelites, Courtney Pine, Art Farmer, Aswad and Soul II Soul. Absolutely unmissable!





Milan Lad of Sangam (right)

Sylvan Richardson Jnr of Sangam (left)

Catalyst presents

South Liverpool Arts Festival in A Celebration of Youth Arts

Thursday 28 May 8pm £2 / 1

Young people from Merseyside present a diverse programme of dance, drama and music S.L.A.F. is funded by Liverpool City Council and the National Lottery Charities Board

Chitraleka and Company Power and Grace

Saturday 23 May 7.30pm £5 / £4

In association with MILAP '98 101 98°C COUNT

Chitraleka's company of female dancers take the essence of the Indian traditional dance form of Bharata Natyam, to present a beautiful and powerful piece that explores and subtly challenges our expectations of feminine and masculine. Accompanied by live music played by some of India and the UK's leading musicians

When Two Maestros Meet

Tuesday 26 May 7 30pm £5 / £4

In association with MILAP 98 86, C Trivi

MILAP present an outstanding group of musicians in an evening of classical Indian music. The Maestro' Pandit Monilal Nag, one of India's foremost exponents of this traditional instrument. and 'Tabla Wizard' Subhen Chatterjee.



Wagogo performing at the Bluecoat during Africa Oyé '96

Sangam featuring Milan Lad, Nikki Yeoh, Sylvan Richardson Jnr, Keith LeBlanc, Inder 'Goldfinger' & Luke Smith

8pm £6.50 / £4.50 Thursday 4 June

Composers Milan Lad (guitars), Nikki Yeoh (piano, keyboards) and Sylvan Richardson Jnr (electric bass, vocals) between them have previously worked with Simply Red, Andy Sheppard, Jools Holland, Courtney Pine and Neneh Cherry, while Keith LeBlanc (drums), Inder 'Goldfinger' (tablas, percussion, vocals) and Luke Smith (keyboards, synths, programming) count Fundamental and Public Image Ltd among their former employers. With that kind of track record, Sangam's stunning play list of dynamic funk grooves, haunting ballads and jazz, influenced by the music traditions of India, Malaysia and the Caribbean, promises an unforgettable Bluecoat debut.

Bert Jansch

8pm £7 / £5 Thursday 11 June

A founder member of seminal 1960's acoustic supergroup Pentangle, Glasgow born Bert Jansch's influence on the folk music scene cannot be underestimated. Jimi Hendrix rated him as the best acoustic guitarist around and fellow artists from Led Zeppelin to Neil Young have payed respect in their own music. Now recording again and back on the road, this legendary artist sounds as fresh and immediate as ever.

Africa Oyé at the Bluecoat

1 – 6pm Saturday 20 June

A regular fixture in the Summer calendar, Africa Oye (15 - 21 June) continues to present the best in music from Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas Enjoy a taster of the music in this year's festival as many of the featured artists play live goodtime summer music in the Bluecoat courtyard and garden, as part of a day long focus in Liverpool city centre

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Education / Hands On



Educational Workshop



Art Classes Daytime and Evening

Life Drawing Commencing 15 April • Wednesdays, 6.00 – 9.00pm • Course fees £29.50 / £22.00

Commencing 20 April • Mondays, 10.30am – 1.30pm • Course fees £29.50 / £22.00

Please note, there will be no classes on 4 & 25 May

Two 10 week courses offering a variety of approaches to the practice of drawing the figure through the study of both technical and expressive skills. You will be encouraged to develop your ability to look and perceive. The classes are designed for a wide range of students from beginners to those who wish to develop existing skills.

Etching Commencing 16 April • Thursdays, 6.00pm-9.00pm • Course fee £40.00 / £27.00

A 10 week course for beginners, introducing a range of traditional printmaking processes. This will include the preparing, drawing up, etching and printing of plates using the techniques of hard ground, soft ground and aquatint. Your own creativity will be encouraged with the mark making possibilities which each medium allows.

Further details about these two courses available from the Gallery on 0151 709 5689



Lines of Desire Life Class

Friday 24 April 10.30am – 1.30pm Neptune Room £3 / £2

Jagjit Chuhan, co-curator and participating artist in *Lines of Desire* (see page 5) with Laird Downie, our resident life drawing tutor, will run a morning life class. Focussing on the continuing relevance of drawing for contemporary artists, particularly in the light of new technologies, Jagjit and Laird will also offer practical advice.



Gallery Events

See gallery section on page 5 for details of artists' talks



Saturday Art Club

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For children aged 8 – 14, £6 / £4 per session, per child Join us for a morning of lively and exciting activities designed to make our exhibitions fun and easier to explore, and led by professional artists and practitioners.

Cross Section

10.30am - 1.30pm Saturday 4 April

A practical workshop full of wonder, trash and transformation.

Blueprint

10.30am - 1.30pm Saturday 2 May

Due to popular demand, more printing, with a chance to try mono printing, creating your own designs using a variety of materials.

The Whole World in a Box

10.30am - 1.30pm Saturday 6 June

Ever fancied being 5cm tall?

What kind of world would you live in?

How about creating your very own fantasy land inside a box?

Early booking is advisable as places are limited. Payment should be made in advance. Booking forms and further information available from the gallery on 0151 709 5689.



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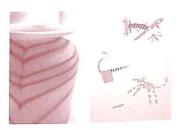
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E mail: crafts@bluecoat.u-net.com

Web Site: http://bluecoatcrafts.merseyworld.com Disabled access to exhibition area from College Lane and via Bluecoat courtyard.



As a result of successful bids for Lottery and European Objective One funding, the Display Centre will be carrying out a major refurbishment to the craft gallery this summer, an exciting project involving local artists and craft designers. The Centre will relocate for the months of May, June and July to a city centre venue to be confirmed, telephone 0151 709 4014 for details.



Jewellery by Mike Abbott and Kim Ellwood Photos Roger Sinek



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Bluecoat Art Shop and Bookshop

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Art Shop Door G – a wide range of top quality art materials for the professional or amateur, at discount prices

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Tickets can also be purchased from the gallery on Saturdays only, 10.30am – 4pm, and from the Box Office three quarters of an hour before each performance.

Please note: visitors who may have difficulty with the stairs leading upto the Bluecoat Reception, please notify one of the staff in the gallery or bookshop, and our Box Office staff will come to where you are to deal with your inquiry.

Concessions are available for unwaged, under 16s, students, people with disabilities and senior citizens. Contact us for details and please bring proof of status when collecting your tickets.

Group Booking A group concession is available of 1 free ticket for every 10 booked.

Gallery 0151 209 5689

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Group visits The gallery welcomes group visits from school, college and other educational organisations. Please phone in advance should you require an introductory tour of our exhibitions, or if you want to discuss ways in which our displays may be of use to your group.

Gallery Notice Board Information for artists, including details of exhibition opportunities, commissions and studio space to let, is regularly displayed on the noticeboard outside the gallery office.

The Art Purchase Scheme You can now buy a wide range of arts and craft work on display in our gallery (on selected exhibitions), and in the Bluecoat Display Centre, through The Art Purchase Scheme (TAPS) run by North West Arts Board. For further information, please talk to our gallery staff.

Coming Soon

A new publication to be launched in April Live From the Vinyl Junkyard: the ultimate mix documents the Bluecoat's live art commissions from the past two years, including Acid Brass, Doing It For the Kids and Baby '96, and contains special commissioned essays and a free gift, a vinyl picture disc produced by Alan Dunn featuring sound extracts from these events. Published in collaboration with

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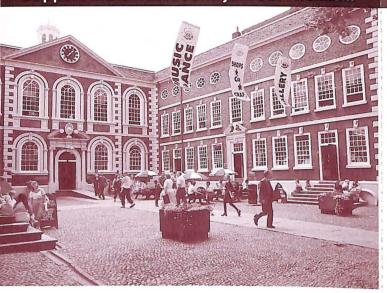
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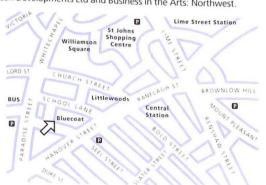
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