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Opening Weekend

**at the Bluecoat.**

**Welcome.** You are invited to one of the biggest parties of the year, a spectacular two-day celebration of the re-opening of the Bluecoat.

On **Saturday 15** and **Sunday 16 March**, explore every nook and cranny of the building, fresh and sparkling from its £12.5m revamp, and **view** a free showcase extravaganza of music, dance, visual art, live art and literature throughout both days.

Specially selected activities, available free, will give all members of the family (large or small) the chance to **join in** the festivities and get creative.

Prepare for this marathon session of creativity by refueling with a Jing leaf tea or a freshly made cake at Espresso at the Bluecoat. It's move-in day for a host of the city's best creative talent so give them a warm welcome and learn how they **create** contemporary jewellery, hand-crafted accessories, ceramics, digital art, photography and graphic design.

Be amongst the first to **shop** in the creative retail units - pick up something unique, unusual or one-of-a-kind.

After you've given the place a thorough once-over, share the day's experiences over food and drink at our new restaurant - bar, Upstairs at the Bluecoat.

On Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March we hope you'll all **be...**

**at the Bluecoat.**



# Opening Weekend

Saturday 15 March and Sunday 16 March 10.00am - 10.30pm

## View

### Free shows and events between 10.00am - 6.00pm

The opening weekend's free events programme showcases artists with a strong connection to the Bluecoat, the cream of Liverpool's emerging talent, new tenant artists, and artists that will return in the coming months as part of our vibrant programme for '08 and beyond.



Yoko Ono, Wish Tree



Rajni Shah, Mr Quiver

Saturday 15 March - Sunday 4 May 10.00am - 6.00pm

## Now Then

Alec Finlay, Janet Hodgson, Hew Locke, Paul Morrison, Yoko Ono

**Free admission**

Our opening show includes an immense wall painting, a disorienting film installation, spectacular sculptural pieces and 'colonies' of brightly painted bird boxes in the Bluecoat's trees.

Saturday 15 March

Can be viewed any time from 12.00pm - 4.00pm

## Rajni Shah

*Mr Quiver*

**Free admission**

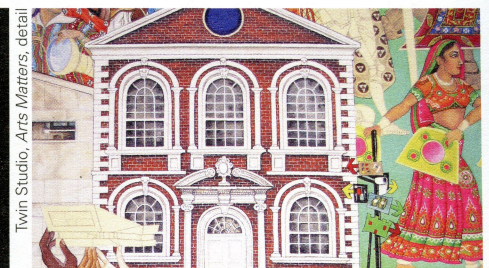
Live art performance. Passion, politics, haunting vocals and stunning visuals in an unusual take on what it might mean to be British.



Kinetic Fallacy



Writing on the Wall



Twin Studio, Arts Matters, detail

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March

## Music & Dance

**Free admission**

Catch free music from Philip Jeck, Justin Adams & Juldeh Camara, Elle S'appelle, Kinetic Fallacy, Sense of Sound and Joby Burgess among others. Ch4pter provide the free dance on the ground while *Wired Aerial* thrill with bungee assisted dance in the air.

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March

## Liverpool Literature Live

**Free admission**

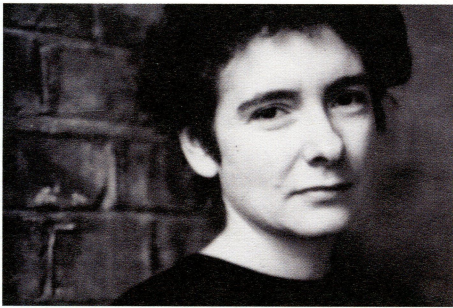
Short performances and readings from ten of Liverpool's most exciting writing and reading organisations, including *Mercy*, *Heartbeats* and *Writing on the Wall*.

## More visual art

Spot other artworks around the building by: Alec Finlay, Amrit and Rabindra Kaur Singh as Twin Studio, Hans van der Heijden, Paul Bratt and Susan Walsh.

See Paul Rooney's new text piece at [www.thebluecoat.org.uk](http://www.thebluecoat.org.uk)



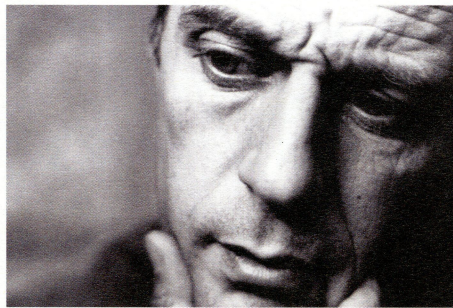


Saturday 15 March 7.30pm

## Jeanette Winterson

£7/5

One of the UK's leading writers and author of *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit* and *Sexing the Cherry* is the Bluecoat's first guest from the world of literature.

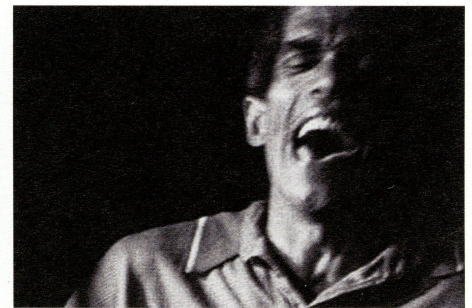


Sunday 16 March 1.00pm

## Tom Paulin

*The Secret life of Poems*  
£5/3

What makes a poem beautiful? Poet and critic Tom Paulin, regular contributor to BBC's *Newsnight Review*, examines the inner workings of a number of famous and lesser known poems.



Sunday 16 March 8.00pm

## The Steve Reid Ensemble

Featuring Kieran Hebden (Four Tet)  
£15

Led by the Bronx-born drummer, an impressive international crew cook up a heady musical brew.

Book tickets at [www.thebluecoat.org.uk](http://www.thebluecoat.org.uk) Tickets and Information 0151 702 5324



## Join in

Explore at the Bluecoat.

Selection box of activities. Taster activities in the gallery.

Fun family activities to do while you explore the gallery, the garden and the rest of this historic building. Learn along the way with creative experiments and find new ways of enjoying art together.



Anthony Wong,  
contemporary jeweller

## Create

Contemporary jewellery, hand-crafted accessories and ceramics, digital art, photography and graphic design - if you've ever wondered "how was that made?" a visit to the Bluecoat's creative and artist tenants will help you discover the answer.

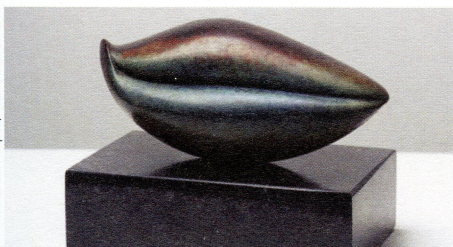


## Eat & drink

**Espresso at the Bluecoat**, located in the Hub, offers illy coffee, Jing leaf teas, Monbana hot chocolate and a range of soft drinks, sandwiches, salads, homemade cakes and freshly made biscuits.

**Upstairs at the Bluecoat**, new restaurant - bar on the first floor serves regional home cooked food, wines by the glass, carafe and bottle, local boutique beers and impeccably sourced soft drinks, from 12.00pm - 10.30pm.

Display Centre, 'Porrfolio' exhibition  
March - April, Hanover Street



## Shop

The Bluecoat returns with a mix of independent retailers, perfect for shoppers looking for the unique, unusual and individual. A diverse mix of specialist shops provide an alternative to the high street.



Book tickets at...

# www.thebluecoat.org.uk

Tickets and Information **0151 702 5324**  
the Bluecoat, School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX

On Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March  
the Bluecoat is open from 10.00am

### Usual opening hours:

Galleries at the Bluecoat: 10.00am - 6.00pm

Tickets and information: 9.30am - 10.00pm

Espresso at the Bluecoat: 8.00am - 6.00pm

Upstairs at the Bluecoat: 12.00pm - 10.30pm

Shops at the Bluecoat: 10.00am - 6.00pm

### How to Find Us

Situated in the centre of Liverpool, just behind Church Street,  
down Church Alley and in front of the new Liverpool One  
development. Enter the Bluecoat from School Lane.

### Access

The Bluecoat is fully accessible. If you require assistance  
please contact the Duty Manager on 0151 709 5297  
or **email** [dutymanager@thebluecoat.org.uk](mailto:dutymanager@thebluecoat.org.uk) who will  
be happy to help.

### Large Print

To receive this brochure in large print  
**telephone** 0151 709 5297 **Ext.** 24 or  
**email** [marketing@thebluecoat.org.uk](mailto:marketing@thebluecoat.org.uk)

### Reservations

Reserved tickets will be held for 3 days from the date of  
booking, if they have not been paid for after 3 days they will  
be released for general sale.

### Group Tickets

Group discounts are available. For every 10 tickets you buy,  
you get the tenth free.

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