

Arts Centre Washington: Autumn and Winter 2022 Listings

Theatre

Reasons You Should(n't) Love Me

By Paines Plough in association with Women's Prize for Playwriting, 45 North and Kiln Theatre
12 October, 7.30pm, Suitable for ages 14+
£9 / £7.50 (conc) / £5 (students)

Juno was born with spina bifida and is now clumsily navigating her twenties amidst street healers, love, loneliness – and the feeling of being an unfinished project.

Winner of the Women's Prize for Playwriting 2020, Amy Trigg's remarkable debut play Reasons You Should(N't) Love Me is a hilarious, heart-warming tale about how shit our wonderful lives can be.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/reasons-you-shouldnt-love-me/>

Delicate

By Diverse City
Thursday 20th October/ Suitable for ages 11+
£9 / £7.50 (conc) / £5 (students)

Four different bodies collide. A show about how things need to fall apart before they can fall into place.

Their lives are different, but one thing unites them: there're frustrated with their bodies changing, ageing, breaking, no longer obeying. Outraged that they can't override this. They climb, hang, balance, slide, collapse, hold and hug. They examine marks life has left on their bodies. In the background, fragments of film and audio mirror these marks in the wounds inflicted on our planet.

Jamie Beddard's voice as a writer cuts through the noise. He throws the expected out the window. Instead, he tells us raw, relatable stories about what it means to be delicate. Come experience these characters as they implode, assess the damage, and maybe rebuild themselves. They're fighting the grind of what's expected. And you might feel inspired to do the same.

Delicate is BSL interpreted, audio described and captioned. Delicate is presented by Extraordinary Bodies, and co-produced with Figurteatret i Nordland (Nordland Visual Theatre) and Theatre Royal Plymouth.

<https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/delicate/>

Female Gothic

By Dyad Productions

Friday 11th November, 7.30pm, £12 / £10 (conc)

From the award-winning creators of *Christmas Gothic*, *Austen's Women* and *I, Elizabeth*.

In the dark between life and death, a haunted woman tells strange and terrifying tales; eerie stories, dusty and forgotten. Until now.

It's the Hallowe'en season, so come along and be thrilled by three lost gothic spine-tinglers from the great Victorian female writers in the thrilling tradition of M R James and Edgar Allan Poe.

Winner of the Three Weeks Editors Award. Adapted and performed by Rebecca Vaughan (*Christmas Gothic*, *Dalloway*, *I, Elizabeth*, *Austen's Women*). Directed by Olivier Award Winner, Guy Masterson (*Morecambe* and *The Shark is Broken*).

Suitable for ages 10+

Running time 75 minutes

<https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/female-gothic/>

Great Expectations

By The Pantaloons

Thursday 3rd November, 7.30pm, £9 / £7.50 (conc) / £5 (students)

"My father's family name being Pirrip, and my Christian name Philip, my infant tongue could make of both names nothing longer or more explicit than Pip. So, I called myself Pip, and came to be called Pip."

The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons proudly present an affectionately anarchic adaptation of Charles Dickens' captivating coming-of-age chronicle.

Join Pip the orphan on a journey through his eventful life via hilarious turns and tragic twists; filled with escaped convicts, eccentric spinsters, mysterious benefactors and gut-wrenching heartbreak.

The Pantaloons are the "inimitable" (Guardian) and "wholly charming" (Times) touring theatre company bringing a vital sense of "play" back to classical performance. In our theatre, your imagination is just as important as ours.

Suitable for ages 9+

Running time 120 minutes + interval

<https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/great-expectations/>

Redcoat

By The Six Twenty in association with Live

Thursday 24th November, 7.30pm, £9 / £7.50 (conc) / £5 (students)

Join Redcoat Lewis as he sets out to make the world a little bit better through his love of entertaining and showing people a good time. Loosely inspired by Lewis' real-life experience as a Butlin's Redcoat, it's a fun, life-affirming show about being happy (and a little bit about being sad).

Expect classic holiday tunes, beach parties, dance routines, balloon modelling, karaoke sing-a-longs and that extra bit of Redcoat sparkle.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/redcoat/>

The Three Bears at Christmas

By Kitchen Zoo

6th – 11th December, time,

Tickets £10 per person or £8.50 for school bookings (£7.50 early bird)

Recommended for under 6 year olds and their families.

Join us for a Christmas adventure into the woods with original live music, puppetry and a tale you thought you knew... from the makers of WOLF! and The Tin Foil Astronaut, Kitchen Zoo.

Bring your bears with you and join us for an adventure this Christmas!

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/the-three-bears-at-christmas/>

Visual Arts

Washington Open Exhibition 2022: Spotlight

3 November – 23 December

Arts Centre Washington is delighted to present an open call to all artists, amateur or professional!

This winter, we want to celebrate the art and creativity of our local community. This is a fantastic opportunity for selected artists to show their work in a public gallery. We would like applicants to creatively respond to the theme of the exhibition which is 'Entrances / Exits', however this can be interpreted in many ways!

Our belief is that everyone is an artist. We welcome entries from people of any background and level of experience, including established professionals, new and emerging talent, enthusiastic amateurs and first-time artists. An opening event is scheduled to take place on Thursday 3 November (6-8pm) with the exhibition running until Friday 23 December.

A winning artist will get the chance to have their own exhibition in our main gallery space. The winner will be selected based on the quality of their work by a panel formed by Arts Centre Washington's community groups and visitors' responses both in venue and on social media.

Special Events

Drink and Draw – Life Drawing Social

Thursday 13 October + Thursday 15 December, 7 – 9pm, Tickets £12

Take a drink, loosen up and grab your pad and pencil at this fun and inspiring sketching social! Working from a life model you will learn life drawing tips and techniques. Perfect for budding artists or total beginners who would like to try life drawing in a relaxed environment. Equipment can be provided or feel free to bring your own.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/drink-and-draw-life-drawing-social-4/>

Christmas Craft & Makers Fair

19 November, 10am – 3pm, Free admission

A variety of stalls selling products created by local and regional artists and crafts people, including crafty workshops for all ages and pop-up performances and events by our creative community!

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/christmas-craft-fair-3/>

Film

The Phantom of the Open (12)

Wednesday 19 October, 1.30pm, Tickets £4

Maurice Flitcroft, a dreamer and unrelenting optimist, managed to gain entry to The British Open Golf Championship Qualifying in 1976 and subsequently shot the worst round in Open history, becoming a folk hero in the process. Stars Mark Rylance + Ian Porter

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/the-phantom-of-the-open-12/>

Benediction (12)

Wednesday 16 November, 1.30pm, Tickets £4

Legendary 20th Century war poet Siegfried Sassoon's life-long quest for personal salvation through his experiences with family, war, his writing, and destructive relationships goes unresolved, never realizing it can only come from within.

Stars Tom Blyth + Kate Phillips

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/benediction-12/>

Taking Part

An Introduction to Creative Writing: For young people aged 11 – 19

Tuesday 25 October, 1 – 3pm, Free

Join writer, poet and fortune teller Kym Deyn for a fun and inspiring introduction to creating your own tales, myths and legends ahead of our weekly sessions launching after half term!

This free workshop is part of our Creative You programme supported by Sunderland City Council's Washington Area Committee.

<https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/an-introduction-to-creative-writing/>

Illustrate Your Own Postcard

Wednesday 26 October, 1pm, Free

A creative workshop for children and families aged 6+.

Inspired by the illustrated envelopes of Cyril Lomax and organised with Washington History Society to celebrate the life of the former Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Washington.

<https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/illustrate-your-own-postcard/>

BLAST OFF! Intergalactic Story Session and Cosmic Craft

Thursday 27 October, 1pm, £5

Calling all aspiring astronauts! Join Kitchen Zoo for some fun amongst the stars with an intergalactic story session and cosmic craft.

A 45 minute workshop for space explorers aged 3-8 and their grown ups.

Relaxed sessions, all welcome, suitable for all abilities.

<https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/blast-off-intergalactic-story-session-and-cosmic-craft/>



Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens: Autumn/Winter 2022 Listings

Exhibitions/Displays

Bright Lights Remixed

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Saturday 24 September to Saturday 29 October 2022

An exhibition celebrating young people from Sunderland's creativity!

Having evolved over the last 26 years, Bright Lights Youth Art Exhibition, has been a platform showcasing young artists aged 11-19 at Arts Centre Washington and over the last few years has been curated by Celebrate Different Collective.

This year we are bringing Bright Lights Remixed to Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens and we have been delighted to invite previous entries to submit their artwork. This exhibition will showcase previous entries to the exhibition alongside new works from young artists.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/bright-lights-remixed/>

Pyrex 100: Made in Sunderland

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Until 28 January 2023

This display celebrates the centenary of Pyrex production in Sunderland by show-casing Pyrex from the 1920s to the last piece made in 2007.

The whole range of production will be on show from domestic ware, caterware and promotional items to industrial and scientific ware. Experimental and 'one off' pieces will also be highlighted.

Visitors can discover the story of Sunderland-made Pyrex through a specially commissioned film looking at factory life and take pride in a workforce that once supplied all the Pyrex sold across the British Commonwealth, except Canada.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/pyrex-100/>

Pyrex100: Pyrex Kitchen-Diner

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

From Saturday 24 September

Visit our 1970s inspired Kitchen-Diner to see the prize-winning Pyrex Pattern 2022 designs made by school children from Sunderland and retro cushions made by the Museum's Creative Age group. Watch a specially commissioned film of people telling their Pyrex Love Stories.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/pyrex100-pyrex-kitchen-diner/>

Football Art Prize 2022

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

19 Nov 2022 – 11 March 2023

To coincide with the 2022 FIFA World Cup, The Football Art Prize celebrates arguably the world's most popular sport.

Artists from around the world were invited to submit their work to be included in the exhibition. A wide selection ranging from painting, photography, film and collage, represents the spectrum of experiences of the beautiful game.

From the riches and idolatry of the upper echelons of the sport, to the muddy grit of grassroots clubs, the works to be found at The Football Art Prize show how football has come to reflect the entirety of the human experience. Visual tales of glory and defeat live alongside deeply personal pieces and recognisable scenes of wintery night matches and foggy fields.

Over 60 artworks by 50 artists were selected, with three artists being awarded cash prizes, including a top prize of £5,000. Additionally, visitors to the exhibition can vote for an 'Audience Choice' award winner. The exhibition was initiated by Touchstones, Rochdale, with generous support from Arts Council England.

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>

For Families

Tuesday Museum Club

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Tuesdays 4 October, 1 November, 6 December, 3 January and 7 February/ 10am – 11.30am

The Tuesday Museum Club is Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens monthly session for home educated families with children aged 5 – 11 years old. It takes place on the first Tuesday of each month and is a fun way of learning about history, science and art through the Museum collections.

Price: £3.50 per child

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>

Mini Science Club

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

**Fridays 23 September, 21 October, 25 November, 16 December, 20 January and 17 February/
1.30pm – 2.30pm**

Join the team from Big Science UK for fun activities for 1 – 4 year-olds. During each session your child will not only play and explore but they will also be actively learning, creating and thinking creatively each week.

Price: £5 per child per session, adults go free.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/mini-science-club/>

Pyrex100: Pyrex Patterns Trail

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Until Friday 21 October

Sunderland-made Pyrex is famous for its patterns, including animals, fish, birds and plants. Follow the pattern trail to decode a secret message and claim a themed prize.

Price: £2.50 per trail.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/pyrex100-pyrex-patterns-trail/>

Spooky Museum Trail

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Saturday 22 October – Monday 31 October

Can you find the creepy creatures and spooky objects hidden around the Museum and Winter Gardens? Find them all and try the challenges to claim a prize.

Price: £2.50 per trail

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>

Our Pyrex Recipe Book

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Monday 24 October

Drop-in session from 11am – 3pm

Join us for a celebration of autumnal comfort grub that can be cooked and served in Sunderland Pyrex dishes! Share your cosiest cold-weather recipes with us inspired by the season – think Apple Crumble, Panackelty and baked rice pudding. Please visit sunderlandmuseum.org.uk for more details.

Price: Free

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/our-pyrex-recipe-book/>

Halloween Badges and Monsters

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Wednesday 26 October

Drop-in session from 1pm – 2.30pm

Design and make Halloween badges and try amazing monster colouring activities.

Price: Free

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/halloween-badges-and-monsters/>

Spooky Science Parties

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Friday 28 October

Sessions at 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm

Join the team from Big Science UK for a fabulous spooky party with science demonstrations, experiments and glow in the dark slime making.

Price: £5 per child, adults go free.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/spooky-science-parties/>

Football Fun Trail

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Saturday 19 November – Friday 27 January

Follow the trail to discover amazing football facts from Sunderland and around the world. Claim a themed prize when you hand in your completed trail.

Price: £2.50 per trail

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>

Football Mania

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Saturday 19 November

Drop-in session from 1pm – 3pm

Celebrate the start of the Football Art Prize exhibition with a footie themed creative session making hats and decorations for the World Cup tournament.

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>

For Young People

Bright Lights Remixed: Young People's Takeover Event

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Wednesday 26 October

6 – 8pm

Join Celebrate Different, Sunderland Culture's Young Arts Leaders for creative activities, workshops, tours and other fun activities linked to the Bright Lights Remixed. Please visit [sunderlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk) for more details.

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>

Adult Learning

Threads

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Tuesdays 4 October, 1 November, 6 December, 3 January and 7 February

Drop-in session from 1pm – 3pm

Threads is a social, self-help group working with yarn and fabric and a variety of textile techniques: knitting, crochet, rag-rug and hand sewing. The group meets monthly to work on individual projects and share their skills. You can bring your own textile project along and everyone is welcome to drop in and chat.

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>

Festive Tree Decorations

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Saturday 26 November 2022, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join artist Kath Price to create original hand stitched tree decorations with a choice of star, tree or house using pieces of vintage quilt, some of which are over 100 years old!

Embellish them with old lace, net, buttons and charms! A fun and relaxing project. No previous experience is necessary and all the materials are provided. Suitable for 16+.

Price: £10 per person.

Link: <http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk/>



National Glass Centre: Autumn/Winter 2022 Listings

Exhibitions

National Glass Centre Collection

National Glass Centre

24 September 2022 – 3 September 2023

Collection Gallery

A chance to see a selection of works from our collection of international Studio Glass.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/national-glass-centre-collection-2/>

Image credit: Louis Thompson, *Large DNA Bottle in Amber*, 2015. National Glass Centre Collection.
Photo: David Williams

40 Years of Glass and Ceramics

National Glass Centre

24 September 2022 – 12 March 2023

Balcony Gallery

2022 marks the 40th anniversary of the University of Sunderland's Glass and Ceramics department. This exhibition features the work of some of the most influential students and teaching staff to have worked in the department.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/40-years-of-glass-and-ceramics/>

Image credit: Angela Thwaites, *Always Coming Home – Worlds Within Worlds Series 2*, 2019.
National Glass Centre Collection. Photo: David Williams

Catherine Forsyth & Helen Pailing

National Glass Centre

24 September 2022 – 12 March 2023

Research Gallery

Catherine Forsyth and Helen Pailing were awarded bursaries to develop new work as part of the NGC Glass Prize. This exhibition presents their research to date.

The NGC Glass Prize was funded by the Garfield Weston Foundation through the Weston Culture Fund.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/catherine-forsyth-and-helen-pailing/>

Harvest: Fruit Gathering

National Glass Centre

15 October 2022 – 12 March 2023

NGC Gallery

This exhibition features the work of two of Britain's leading artists working in hot glass. Rachael Woodman and Neil Wilkin have worked collaboratively for almost 40 years, however, *Harvest: Fruit Gathering* is their first opportunity to present their work together.

This exhibition has allowed both artists to express their mastery of glass as a medium, through the creation of beautiful new work inspired by the natural and spiritual world.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/harvest-fruit-gathering/>

Image credit: Rachael Woodman, *Fruit Bowl - purple lustre* (detail), 2022. Photo by Stephen Heaton.

Children and Family workshops: October Half Term

Stained Glass Window Cards- Sunderland Landmarks

National Glass Centre

Monday 24 October and Thursday 27 October

10.00-12.00 and 13.00-16.00 / Age 4+ / £3 / Drop in

Inspired by artist, Kathryn Robertson's skyscapes of our city- create your own stained glass window card. Choose from Penshaw Monument, Roker Lighthouse, Wearmouth Bridge and of course National Glass Centre. Bring your pre-cut landmark to life with colourful tissue paper and craft materials.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/stained-glass-window-cards-sunderland-landmarks/>

Glorious Glitter Globes

National Glass Centre

Tuesday 25 October and Friday 28 October

10.00-12.00 and 13.00-16.00 / Age 4+ / £4 / Drop in

Encapsulate a Sunderland scene in a sparkly glitter globe. Take inspiration from the University of Sunderland's 30th Anniversary exhibition to recreate a famous moment in our history or capture a legend of the city forever!

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/glorious-glitter-globes/>

Photo from the Future

National Glass Centre

Wednesday 26 October

10.00-16.00 / Age 4+ / £3 / Drop in

Would you like to transport yourself to the future? Here's a chance to bring your ambition to life by creating a colourful collage self- portrait using a photograph and a range of craft materials. Will you be studying in the city at the University or living in a different part of the world? Will you be saving the planet or saving people's lives?

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/photo-from-the-future/>

Glass Fusing

National Glass Centre

Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 October

10.00, 11.30, 14.00 / Age 6+ / £12 / Booking essential

Take your pick! Design and make your own fused glass artwork. Take inspiration from our exhibition, *Harvest*, or make something creepy for Halloween. You will use glass grains and tiles to create your design on a clear glass shape.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/glass-fusing/>

Glass Painting

National Glass Centre

Friday 28 and Saturday 29 October

10.00, 11.30, 14.00, 15.30 / Age 5+ / £5 / Booking essential

Glass painting - You choose! Design and paint an image onto a hanging glass decoration. We have lots of amazing artwork on display to give you ideas for your own masterpiece!

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/glass-painting-3/>

Children and Family workshops: Christmas

Glass Fusing

National Glass Centre

Wednesday 21 and Thursday 29 December

10.00, 11.30, 14.00 / Age 6+ / £12 / Booking essential

Create a lovely scene on a glass shape. Take inspiration from our Harvest exhibition or one your wishes for this holiday season. You will use glass grains and tiles to create your design on a clear glass shape.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/glass-fusing-2/>

Glass Painting

National Glass Centre

Thursday 22 and Friday 23 December

10.00, 11.30, 14.00, 15.30 / Age 5+ / £5 / Booking essential

Create a colourful hanging decoration to take home or give as a gift. You can choose from a range of brightly coloured glass paint pens to complete your design on a clear glass shape.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/glass-painting-4/>

Christmas Snowman, Angel or Snowy Owl

National Glass Centre

Wednesday 22, Thursday 23, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 December / 9.30 & 10.30 / Age 6+ / £20 / Booking essential

Create a glass snowman, angel or snowy owl using sand to make a mould. Add your own colour and decoration to make you unique design. Watch as your design is transformed by our studio team who will pour molten glass into your mould to produce your own individual piece of festive art.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/sandcasting-christmas-snowman-angel-or-snowy-owl/>

Adult courses:

Glass Tableware Taster Session

National Glass Centre

Sunday 20 November

13.00 – 17.00 / £50

Artist: Midori Shinmura

Suitable for ages 16+

An introduction to the kiln techniques required to make glass tableware.

Students will learn the basic skills of Fusing, Slumping and Casting glass along with kiln firing techniques.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/glass-tableware-taster-session/>

Glass Tableware Club

National Glass Centre

Saturdays from 12 November

5-week course

13.00 – 16.30 / £125

Artist: Midori Shinmura

Suitable for ages 16+

A five-week fusing, slumping and casting class for both beginners and experienced students.

Over the 5 weeks, students will be shown the basic skills of Fusing, Slumping and Casting glass along with kiln firing techniques. After practical demonstrations and some experimentation, students will be able to create a hollow dish and bowl shapes, as well as coasters and candle stands etc.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/glass-tableware-club/>

Introducing... Fused Glass

National Glass Centre

Saturday 24 September & Sunday 13 November

10.00 – 16.00 / £80

Artist: Sue Woolhouse

Suitable for ages 16+

One day course suitable for beginners and intermediate learners.

Design and make your own decorative glass pieces using this kiln glass technique. You will be shown how to cut glass and learn about different effects that can be achieved in the kiln.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/introducing-fused-glass/>

Stained Glass Leaded Technique - Beginner's level

National Glass Centre

Sunday 18 September & Sunday 16 October

9.30 – 13.30 / £50

Artist: Gill McGinley

Suitable for ages 16+

An introduction to basic stained glass techniques.

7th Century saint Benedict Biscop brought artisans from Europe to create Monkwearmouth-Jarrow Priory. They made the first stained glass window in England and installed it in St Peters Church, a stone's throw from the National Glass Centre.

Learn the ancient skills of how to cut glass, lead the cut glass and solder lead joints to create a beautiful small stained-glass panel of your own.

This course is aimed at beginners.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/stained-glass-leaded-technique-beginners-level/>

Stained Glass Christmas Decorations – Copper foil technique

National Glass Centre

Sunday 20 November

10.00 – 16.00 / £80

Artist: Gill McGinley

Come and create 2D hanging Christmas decorations using the stained-glass technique of Copper Foil, mastered by Louis Comfort Tiffany, in his beautiful lampshades.

Pieces of glass will be cut to a pattern provided by the tutor, edges ground and then copper foiled. Pieces will be joined and finished with solder.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/stained-glass-christmas-decorations-copper-foil-technique/>

Stained Glass Leaded Panels with Fused Centres, Christmas Designs

National Glass Centre

Sunday 27 November & Sunday 4 December

10.00 - 16.00 / £150

Artist: Gill McGinley

A two-day course in which you will create coloured glass panels using lead techniques and fusing the glass in our kiln.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/stained-glass-leaded-and-fused-panels/>

1 Day Introduction to Ceramics - Throwing Technique

National Glass Centre

Saturday 6 November/ 10.00 – 17.00 / £60

Artist: Michael Emmott

Suitable for ages 16+

An introduction to working with clay

This introductory day course in ceramics is suitable for anyone with no or little experience. Students will learn a range of throwing techniques from practical demonstrations. A chance to learn basic wheel based ceramic skills and practice throughout the day. Make a tea bowl or ornamental vessel.

The course aims to be upbeat, rewarding and allow participants to enjoy pottery at their own pace.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/1-day-introduction-to-ceramics-throwing-technique/>

Flameworked Marbles

National Glass Centre

5 November 10.00 – 16.00 / £80

Artist: Zoe Garner

Suitable for ages 16+

In this one day class, you will make a number of marbles starting off with clear and moving on through the day to produce marbles with coloured patterning on the outside, mixed coloured twists on the inside and trapping bubbles inside the glass. By the end of the class, you will have made your very own hand made marbles.

Marbles you make have to be annealed overnight, so you will have to come back to pick up your work, If you are unable to pick up your work please inform when booking and we can arrange postage of your items at cost.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/make-your-own-flameworked-beads-2/>

Flameworked Beads

National Glass Centre

Sunday 6 November

10.00 – 13.00 / 13.30 – 16.30 / £40

Artist: Zoe Garner

Suitable for ages 16+

In this half-day class, you will use soft glass coloured rods and focus on forming circular beads by pulling glass stringers and using these to apply patternation to the surface of the bead. Using smooth and textural designs, let your imagination take over and create your very own designer bead.

Beads you make have to be annealed overnight, so you will have to come back to pick up your work. Delivery options are available.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/make-your-own-flameworked-beads/>

Flameworked Christmas Decorations

National Glass Centre

Saturday 12 November, Sunday 13 November, Saturday 3 December, Sunday 4 December, Wednesday 8 December, Saturday 10 December, Sunday 11 December and Wednesday 15 December

10.00 – 16.00 / £80

Artist: Zoe Garner

In this one-day class you will make a number of Christmas Decorations including glass candles, icicles and stars all with their very own hooks so you can hang them proudly on the tree at Christmas.

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/flameworked-christmas-decorations/>

Other events:

Craft Fair

National Glass Centre

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November / 10.00-17.00

Come along to our craft fair and celebrate the beautiful handmade crafts that the North East has to offer.

The fair will be packed with stalls from local and regional crafters. It's the perfect opportunity to buy a unique handmade Christmas gift or to treat yourself to something special!

Link: <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/christmas-craft-fair/>

Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art: Autumn/Winter 2022 Listings

**Rimaldas Vikšraitis: Daily Rituals of Work and Play: The Collective Life of a Village
1975-2012**

**Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art
1 October 2022 – 15 January 2023**

Daily Rituals of Work and Play is the first major survey exhibition in the United Kingdom of Lithuanian artist-photographer Rimaldas Vikšraitis. The exhibition spans nearly 40 years of Vikšraitis artistic practice from early unseen archival material and 8mm films through to 70 photographic works, a large number of which are being shown for the first time.

The photos on display explore creativity and disability, challenge gender roles and attest to 'Europe' as seen from its edge in Lithuania. Many of the photos document the demise of traditional village life in Lithuania before and after the break-up of the Soviet Union (1988-91).

This project is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and with support from the Lithuanian Culture Institute.

Image credit: Rimaldas Vikšraitis, *Lėlės vietoj tankų / Dolls instead of Tanks*, 1989, photograph. Courtesy of the artist and Kaunas Photography Gallery.

**Janina Sabaliauskaite: SENDING LOVE
Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art
17 September 2022 – 15 January 2023**

NGCA Collection Space

SENDING LOVE is the first UK solo exhibition by Lithuanian born and Newcastle based artist-photographer, researcher and independent curator Janina Sabaliauskaite. The exhibition is a love letter to her transnational LGBTQ+ community presenting new and existing images from her personal archive.

Showcasing portraits of dear and loved friends – a chosen family – *SENDING LOVE* seeks to mobilise and make visible queer-feminist lives in the pursuit of solidarity, emancipation and positive social change.

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