

UHArts What's On 2020



UHArts

UHArts (University of Hertfordshire Arts) brings a rich arts and culture programme to our campuses and local communities. We share the best visual arts, live arts, music, film, design and media across our University sites, in Hatfield and St Albans. Collaborating with artists and performers, we commission and present ambitious and relevant work, informed by research. UHArts seeks to engage its public as audience members, participants and active co-producers. Together with our partners, we are committed to strengthening Hertfordshire's arts and cultural offer.



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Live Arts

Our live arts programme offers an inspirational mix of theatre, dance, music, media and more. Selecting the best work from national and international companies and practitioners, we present challenging theatre and entertaining pop-ups on our campuses and in Hatfield, alongside memorable performances in the Weston Auditorium.



Highlighted event

This Time

Tue 9 Jun 19:30

With a cast ranging in age from 13 to 60, *This Time* by Ockham's Razor combines circus, autobiographical storytelling and awe-inspiring aerial performance to create compelling visual theatre. It explores themes of love, support and struggle in families, alongside perceptions of strength and ability: how we are strong in different ways at different times in our lives.

Featuring a series of aerial frames which are raised from floor to ceiling, the four performers lift, push and cradle each other through thresholds and over ledges. Bodies are suspended high in the air and

swung close to the ground in innovative new takes on trapeze and swinging cradle performance.

"a warm, lovingly made show – a tender take on relationships and ageing"

The Times ★★★★★

Weston Auditorium, Age 8+
£15, £13.50 Concession, £10 UH Students

Visual Arts

Our visual arts and design programme is presented in the Art & Design Gallery on campus, in Hatfield and at St Albans Museum + Gallery. Working with emerging and established artists, we initiate a series of exhibitions, creative sessions, installations and commissions, often informed by current ideas as well as research from within the

University. We also look after the UH Art Collection which comprises around 500 artworks displayed around our campuses.



Highlighted event

Plastic Matter

Seyi Adelekun, Maria Arceo, Camilla Brendon, Hilary Jack, David Kefford, Steve McPherson, Jill Townsley and Daniel Webb

Tue 25 Feb – Sat 18 Apr

We encounter plastic in our everyday actions; we buy it, use it, throw it away, and we touch it as we use our phones, travel in our cars, open pre-packaged food. Plastic is synonymous with modern life – essential to productivity and key to convenience. Yet plastic consumption and pollution are increasingly controversial subjects and key issues of our time.

This visually stunning exhibition introduces

a mix of tales about plastic – plastic as inspiration, plastic as material, plastic as resource and plastic as waste.

Eight artists explore plastic's potential to become something more treasured, its availability and its hasty disposal. They imbue new worth and meaning to the material and ask us to consider its role and potential in contemporary society going forward.

Opening Event: Tue 25 Feb 16:00–18:00
Art & Design Gallery
FREE

Image: Maria Arceo, Neocide, 2013

Classical Music

The de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra is the resident orchestra of the University of Hertfordshire. Founded in 1969, when the University was Hatfield Polytechnic, this year the orchestra celebrate their Golden Anniversary – their 50th concert season.

Conducted by Robin Browning, the orchestra is a full symphony orchestra made up of semi-professional and talented amateur musicians. They perform regularly in the Weston Auditorium and their concerts often feature renowned soloists.



Highlighted event

**de Havilland Philharmonic:
Elgar and Tchaikovsky
Sun 22 Mar 15:30**

The concert opens with Elgar's *Cockaigne Overture* which gives a lively musical portrait of Edwardian London.

Elgar's ever-popular *Cello Concerto*, which first premiered in 1919, is performed by soloist Bozidar Vukotic. Bozidar is the founder member of the Tippett String Quartet and a guest principal cello with many of the country's best orchestras.

Tchaikovsky's *5th Symphony*, a work that was initially seen as a failure, is now one of his most popular works and closes the concert.

Weston Auditorium
£18, £15 Concession, £12.75 Friends & UH Staff, £8 Child, FREE for UH Students

Spring & Summer 2020

February

de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra: String Quartet

Thu 6 Feb 12:00–13:00
Enjoy a musical lunch break with string players from the University's resident orchestra.
Chapman Lounge
FREE

New Town Stories

Fri 7 – Thu 27 Feb
A display of co-produced artwork by local communities and accompanying workshops with artist Jane Glynn. Inspired by Stuart Whipps' New Geographies commission.

Celebration Event Thu 6 Feb

See website for details.
Lowercase Gallery, Art & Design Gallery Café
FREE

de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra:

Czech Classics

Sun 9 Feb 15:30
Dvorák's *Scherzo Capriccioso* and the ever-popular *Symphony No. 9*, the "New World" Symphony, are accompanied by Martinu's *Oboe Concerto* featuring guest soloist Jonathan Small.
Weston Auditorium
£18, £15 Concession, £12.75 Friends & UH Staff, £8 Children, FREE UH Students

Slinkie Love

Tue 11 Feb 10:00 & 12:00 Art & Design Gallery, 14:00 & 15:00 Atrium, Weston Auditorium

Celebrate Valentine's Day early with Bedlam Oz's street theatre performance of Slinkie Love, an adorable story of two huge slinkies falling in love. Members of the UHArts team will be on hand to tell you more about the work we do and how you can get involved.
FREE

Image: Bedlam Oz

Plastic Matter

Tue 25 Feb – Sat 18 Apr

A group exhibition exploring plastic's potential as inspiration, material, resource and waste. Featuring work by Seyi Adelekun, Maria Arceo, Camilla Brendon, Hilary Jack, David Kefford, Steve McPherson, Jill Townsley and Daniel Webb.
Opening Event: Tue 25 Feb 16:00–18:00
All welcome.
Art & Design Gallery
FREE

Image: Steve McPherson, Absent Histories - Combination Piece (Orange No. 2), 2009

March

Art in Action

Thu 5 Mar 12:00 Art & Design Gallery Café, 13:00 Forum

Be inspired over lunch as speed painter Jon Hicks creates art in minutes. Jon paints a variety of portraits and landscapes live to music.
College Lane Campus
FREE

Image: Dave Pickens

Humans Make Plastic

Tue 10 Mar, 14:00–16:00

A visual arts workshop with artist Camilla Brendon who works with bold colour, striking forms and found, foraged or donated plastic. Come and create something special from used plastic.
Art & Design Gallery
FREE, Booking Essential

Image: Camilla Brendon

de Havilland Philharmonic:

Elgar and Tchaikovsky

Sun 22 Mar 15:30

The Orchestra presents Elgar's much-loved *Cello Concerto*, performed by soloist Bozidar Vukotic, alongside Elgar's *Cockaigne* and Tchaikovsky's passionate 5th *Symphony*.
Weston Auditorium
£18, £15 Concession, £12.75 Friends & UH Staff, £8 Children, FREE UH Students

Plastic Matter Panel Discussion

Thur 26 Mar, 16:00–18:00

Join us for a series of short talks exploring the topic of plastic, from a cross-disciplinary panel. We welcome your questions and ideas. See website for details.
Art & Design Gallery Café
FREE, Booking Essential

Passengers

Tue 31 Mar 19:30

Passengers, by award-winning UK trans artist Kit Redstone and director Jessica Edwards, is a semi-autobiographical dark comedy. Using Kit's trademark blend of comedy, tragedy, playfulness and heart, *Passengers* shows us that, by understanding that we all have complex personalities, we can have more compassion and understanding for ourselves and each other.
Weston Auditorium, 16+
£10, £8 Concessions, £5 UH Students

Image: Holly Revell

April

Hertfordshire Open 2020

Sat 4 Apr – Sun 21 Jun

A group exhibition showcasing works from practicing artists across the county, selected by an independent panel of judges. Part of the Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020 and organised by UHArts in partnership with St Albans Museum + Gallery.
Weston Gallery
St Albans Museum + Gallery
FREE

Sonic Herts

Mon 27 Apr – Thu 7 May

The University of Hertfordshire's annual music festival showcases new work by students and staff, alongside performances by prominent guest artists and talks by industry professionals. See website for performance details.
Various venues on College Lane campus
FREE

Gallery Gig: El Whitaker

Thu 30 April 12:00–13:00

Join us for a relaxed lunch in the Gallery Café listening to the mellow jazz and folk sounds of El Whitaker. El is one of our talented UH music students and is due to release her EP in 2020.
Art & Design Gallery Café
FREE

May

de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra:

Mahler's Mighty 9th Symphony.

Sun 17 May 19:30

Soloist Jonian Ilias Kadesha performs Bruch's beautiful *Violin Concerto*, one of the most popular works in the repertoire, followed by Mahler's mighty 9th *Symphony*.
Weston Auditorium
£18, £15 Concession, £12.75 Friends & UH Staff, £8 Children, FREE UH Students

June

This Time

Tue 9 Jun 19:30

A show about time, age and the stories we tell ourselves from the award-winning circus theatre company Ockham's Razor. *This Time* combines circus, autobiographical storytelling and awe-inspiring aerial performance to create a compelling piece of visual theatre which explores themes of love, support and struggle in families, alongside perceptions of strength and ability.
Weston Auditorium, Age 8+
£15, £13.50 Concession, £10 UH Students

Image: Nik Mackey

Poetics of Place

Fri 26 Jun – Sat 22 Aug

A group exhibition considering the ways in which our perceptions of place shape our thoughts, memories, and dreams. As part of Hertfordshire Year of Culture, the exhibition focuses on works by six artists living and working in Hertfordshire: Fiona Curran, Yva Jung, Dave Nelson, Kirke Raava, Amanda Ralph and Imogen Welch.
Opening Event: Thu 25 Jun 17:00–19:00, featuring the de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra String Quartet. All welcome
Art & Design Gallery
FREE

Image: Fiona Curran, Gather, 2019

Hertfordshire 2020 Year of Culture

Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020 is a year to celebrate, share and explore Hertfordshire's arts, culture and heritage, with 12 themed months of activities for all. Find out more at hyoc2020.org.uk

The Festival of Ideas

Sat 27 & Sun 28 Jun

As part of Hertfordshire Year of Culture, *The Festival of Ideas* explores the theme of "belonging" in the contemporary world. Hosted by University of Hertfordshire, the Festival invites visitors to engage with leading thinkers, artists and influencers from the University and across the UK. See website for details.
de Havilland Campus
FREE

de Havilland Philharmonic Orchestra:

Beethoven 250

Sun 28 Jun 19:30

The closing event of the University of Hertfordshire's *Festival of Ideas*, this concert celebrates the 250th birthday of Beethoven with his *Coriolan Overture* and a special performance of his 6th *Symphony*, the "Pastoral", introduced by conductor Robin Browning.
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£18, £15 Concession, £12.75 Friends & UH Staff, £8 Children, FREE UH Students

July

Chaos Dancing Cosmos

Sat 4 Jul – Wed 19 Aug

Artist Rosana Antoli takes over the historic Assembly Room at St Albans Museum + Gallery with her site-specific installation *Chaos Dancing Cosmos*. Using 2km of rubber and copper piping, powered by small motors, the installation pervades the space like a pulsating three-dimensional drawing.
St Albans Museum + Gallery
FREE

Image: Rosana Antoli, Chaos Dancing Cosmos, 2018. Photography by Joseph Devitt Tremblay.

Artist Networking & Sharing Event

Thu 9 Jul, 18:00–20:30

An informal social event inviting artists to share their work and ideas over drinks. Part of the *Poetics of Place* exhibition.
Art & Design Gallery
FREE, Booking Essential

Ongoing

Guided Sculpture Walks

First Thursday of the month, 13:00

Introducing 11 outdoor sculptures on College Lane Campus that map the changing characteristics of British sculpture since the 1950s.
Art & Design Gallery
FREE

New Geographies

Until May 2020

This three-year project has commissioned 10 new site-responsive artworks across East Anglia. Join UHArts for the final screening of Stuart Whipps' film and Krijn de Koning's forthcoming commission, funded by Arts Council England. See website for details.
FREE



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Art in Action



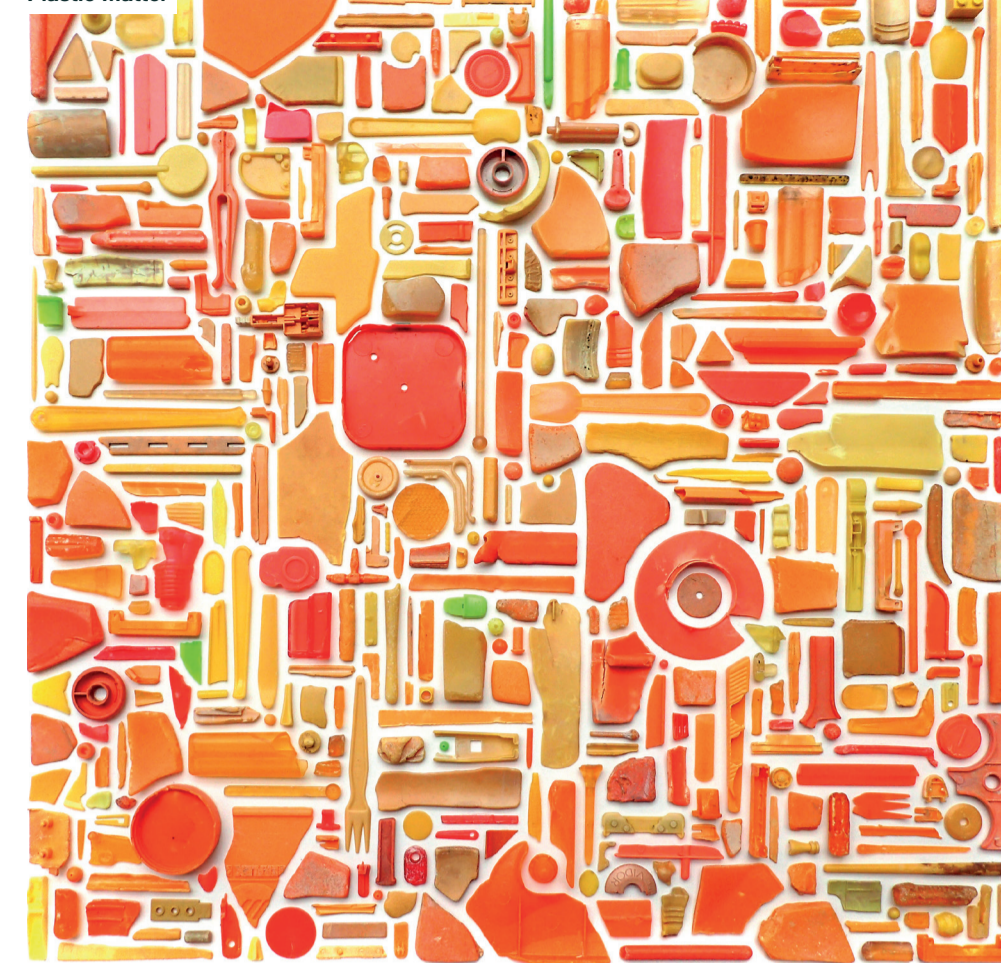
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(By phone only)

Art & Design Gallery

(including Lowercase Gallery)

University of Hertfordshire

College Lane Campus

Hatfield, AL10 9AB

Open Mon-Fri: 10:00-16:00

Sat: 11:00-15:00 (during exhibitions only)

Weston Auditorium

University of Hertfordshire

de Havilland Campus

Hatfield, AL10 9EU

Chapman Gallery

Main Building

University of Hertfordshire

College Lane Campus

Hatfield, AL10 9AB

Parking

College Lane Campus: Limited pay and display on weekdays, free on weekends and evenings (17:30 onwards)

de Havilland Campus: Limited pay and display on weekdays, free on Sundays and evenings (19:00 onwards)

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Park and Ride

Buses run every 7-8 minutes

Mon-Fri 07:00-22:00

Costs £1, term time only

St Albans Museum + Gallery

Town Hall

St Peter's Street

St Albans

AL1 3DH

Transport

Bike: Alban Way

Bus: Uno bus and other local buses

Train: Hatfield Station for campuses / St Albans City for St Albans Museum + Gallery

Accessibility

All venues have full wheelchair access, including toilets and parking

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Volunteer with us...

Volunteer across our performing and visual arts programmes, and at St Albans Museum + Gallery. Get free entry to our events while developing new skills in the arts sector. UHArts supports the 'Go Herts Award'.

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