

LSA

LEICESTER SOCIETY OF ARTISTS



Inclusion and Diversity Sparks Creativity

*"LSA has been supporting talented visual artists since 1881.
The diversity found in LSA exhibitions is visually
stimulating and promotes interesting discussion and exchange
of exciting ideas. Visual artists have the ability to surprise, shock and delight,
so that our culture is nourished. That's what art is about.
LSA will build on its momentum and continue championing artists and creativity."*

Diane E. Hall, LSA President, 2025

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WHO ARE WE?

Established in 1881, we are a welcoming and inclusive civic society promoting the interests of the visual arts community. We have a membership of 165, outstanding professional practitioners from diverse backgrounds representing many different perspectives on art. We share a strong connection with the locality and collectively have a broad range of styles and approach using innovative and traditional materials and techniques to create great art in many forms, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, installation and digital media.

For more than 140 years, LSA has been a major influencer of arts and culture in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Our founders were imaginative forward-thinking artists. They drew up our constitution, with the chief aim to promote the creation and appreciation of art through public exhibition. We value that heritage and legacy and remain bold, ambitious and dedicated to the development and sharing of individual original art.

You will experience dynamism, in our annual exhibition with art shown for the first time in Leicestershire. Discover new directions in our occasional themed exhibitions.

We are artist-led and self funded, relying on the support of our members and exhibition sponsors. An elected LSA Council directs and manages the business of the Society and installs our exhibitions.

LSA provides a comprehensive and well visited website all members can take advantage of in the promotion of their artistic practice.

Visual artists living working or studying in Leicestershire or Rutland, or having a strong connection to the area, can apply for membership of the Society.

OUR AIM IS

To promote excellence in art. Each year we invite applications for membership. Applicants are invited to submit a selection of their work with accompanying statements and sketchbooks. They are elected to membership by a majority vote of council members.

General information

You are eligible to apply for membership of Leicester Society of Artists if you live, work or study in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland, or if you have strong connections to the area.

Our members pay an annual subscription (currently £45). In addition to this, newly elected members are charged a one off joining fee of £15.



WE AIM TO



A Summer Gathering provided an opportunity for members to come together sharing a creative day.



INCREASE THE PRACTICE AND APPRECIATION OF VISUAL ARTS THROUGH EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

LSA is restless and bold as it explores new ways to increase audience and demonstrate artistic practice. This is the biggest challenge facing members of LSA.

The LSA Council's focus is upon finding an appropriate venue large enough to accommodate the diverse works of its 160 members.

By creating and sharing art we are able to connect in inclusive ways to start conversations about issues in society otherwise difficult to articulate. This opportunity for visual artists is frustrated in the diverse communities of Leicestershire and Rutland by a shortage of community exhibition space.

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THE COUNCIL

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL ARE TO -

Meet regularly to make decisions to best represent the interests of the society

Provide members networking events & host opportunities to exchange ideas & information.

Support emerging artists and students

Seekout & organise suitable exhibiting opportunities

Develop partnerships, collaboration & participation beyond the society

Facilitate creative dialogues with city & countywide stakeholders

Be aware of current trends, initiatives & developments which inform the creative sector

The objectives of the council are further informed by the following statements -

ART in all its forms is a cultural, social & economic success story for the UK.

ART contributes to health, wealth & wellbeing. This is clear, well documented & tangible.

ART offers a way in which children & young people can make sense of experience.

ART is intrinsic to an enriched quality of life.

ART connects people and cultures.

ART captures a sense of place.





Elected members on our LSA Council create our themes and install our shows. We have three officers elected annually, and six Council members who serve a three year term. Every year, two Council members are replaced so we benefit continuously from both experience and new ideas.

THE COUNCIL

Chair -

Deborah Bird - chair@leicestersocietyofartists.co.uk

Secretary, Social Media -

Dayle Flude - secretary@leicestersocietyofartists.co.uk

Treasurer -

Jay Seabrook - treasurer@leicestersocietyofartists.co.uk

Exhibitions Officer -

Danielle Vaughan - exhibitions@leicestersocietyofartists.co.uk

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LSA Council Members -

Christopher Bent - Graphic Design

Chloe Jean Brown - Social Media

Ian Cox

Liz Macfarlane

Annie O'Connor

President- **Diane Hall**



WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Artist network

Access to the biggest network of professional artists across the city of Leicester, and counties of Leicestershire and Rutland

LSA Noticeboard and Social Media

We are continually promoting LSA members' events including on the LSA website, on Facebook and Instagram and by circulating information to subscribers. Around 500 subscribers receive regular LSA newsletters. Members can send information (including images) through a link on our website or by emailing the secretary, Dayle Flude secretary@leicestersocietyofartists.co.uk.



Exhibitions

Professional exhibition planning and delivery

Logistical planning

Curation, installation and derig

Marketing and social media

Public participation and engagement events

Meet the artist, live demonstrations

Talks

LSA 2023

LSA took its 135th Annual Exhibition to the Sock Gallery at Loughborough's Town Hall. The exhibition featured a diverse range of contemporary artwork by our local and internationally recognised artists with art shown for the first time in Leicestershire.

Sock Gallery provided an excellent well lit and easily accessible venue for our exhibiting artists. During the course of the exhibition a number of our members gave demonstrations of their working practice.

Deborah Bird Chair of the LSA sketching in the gallery



LSA member **Alex Cooper** setting up at Sock Gallery for a portrait painting demonstration.





SPONSORS & PRIZES 2023

The LSA George Pickard Prize

The LSA Guy Dixon Prize

The LSA Henton Ellis Prize

The LSA President's Prize

The LSA Chair's Prize**The On the Edge Framing Prize** - sponsored by On the Edge Framing & Art

The People's Prize - sponsored by On the Edge Framing & Art

Mark Jackman's Art Materials Prize - sponsored by Mark Jackman

Knighton Lane Artists Prize - sponsored by Knighton Lane Artists

The Gadsby's Prize - sponsored by Gadsby's



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