



THE MAGIC SHOW

EXHIBITION GUIDE


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ABOUT THE EXHIBITION



The Magic Show is a collaborative exhibition between Henshaws Arts and Crafts Centre & Pyramid of Arts.

The show is an immersive take-over of the Gallery, with artists from both groups responding to the theme of magic. A selection of artists from each of these organisations went on site visits, took part in workshops, visited each other's studios and created brand new work destined for the Gallery.

Visit the back page of this guide to find out more about the events taking place throughout the exhibition, giving you the opportunity to engage with these incredible organisations, whilst learning new skills and seeing live performances from some of the artists.

Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 4pm
Closed on Mondays
FREE ENTRY



Scan the QR code
to visit The Magic
Show website!



THE RIBBLEHEAD GROUP

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO US

"Magic is everywhere."

MORE ABOUT US

The Ribblehead group is made of 13 Pyramid members who work collaboratively on creative projects. For years, the group has shown work at exhibitions across Leeds.

Izzy Stockton, Donna Lematy, Adrian Stansfield, Robin Lumb, Rebecca Morris, Georgia Calvert, Naomi Kelleher, Daniel Fox, Stephen Harvey, Caz Gilbert, Dan Bennett, Kenneth Hendy, Scott Anderson, Joanne Hartley, Robin Stones, Elsa Guidon, Caz Stiff, Rosie McAndrew.



JAMES

FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Mixed media.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"It's captivated your experience in awe inspiring way."

MORE ABOUT ME

James Mills is a 'tornado of change and hope'. He works across various mediums and is an avid researcher. He is always on the quest for interesting facts about the world that he can incorporate into his creative practice.



PYRAMID ARTISTS



RIA



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Screenprint, drawing, acrylics.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Anything that brings imagination, curiosity, and a temporary escape from daily anxieties."

MORE ABOUT ME

Ria Lake works across a range of art forms to explore identity, break boundaries and tackle issues in society.



JEM



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Collage and multimedia.

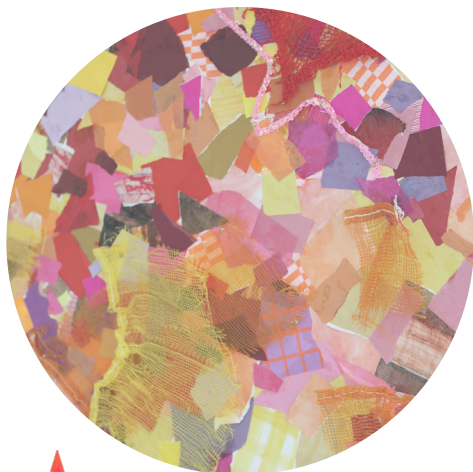
WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Possibility."

MORE ABOUT ME

Jem Clancy is a Pyramid artist and Studio Pyramid member. She is an aspiring dancer and visual artist based in Leeds working primarily in film and animation.

DANIEL



ALEXANDER



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Felt tip pens, paint, collage & clay.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Magic is excitement!"

MORE ABOUT ME

Daniel Fox has been coming to Pyramid for many years. Daniel loves collage, printing, surface pattern design and is currently experimenting on creating large-scale pieces.

FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Acrylic markers.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Making things become different and unusual!"

MORE ABOUT ME

Alexander Holt is a prolific illustrator who creates characters inspired by animated film and TV. His character collections have been based on many themes, including fairy tales, pirates, superheroes and space.

DAN



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Drawing, painting, collage, ceramics.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Wands, Harry Potter, darkness, goodies & baddies, Draco Malfoy."

MORE ABOUT ME

Dan Bennett is Pyramid artist who enjoys sketching, collage and making 3D sculptures. Recently, he has been focusing on developing his ceramic hand-building skills.



ALFIE



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Film, photography, painting and screenprinting.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"My dog lying on me after a seizure."

MORE ABOUT ME

Alfie Fox is a multimedia artist. His artwork advocates and challenges people's perspective on access for people with disabilities and incorporates the difficulties he has personally faced.

LAURA



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Mixed media.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"The Universe."

MORE ABOUT ME

Laura Dales loves working with lots of different materials when she is making in the Pyramid Studio. Her art is often inspired by her love of colour, nature and traditional heritage crafts.

HEATHER



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Lots of different media but mostly doodles and crochet.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Since my base inspiration was 'nostalgia', I guess magic has meant a lot to me since I was a small child."

MORE ABOUT ME

Heather is a Pyramid artist who enjoys lots of art forms, with an interest in character design, textiles and cats.

THE HENSHAWS WORKING GROUP

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO US

Believing something that isn't there
and stepping into the unknown.

MORE ABOUT US

Debs, Danny, Karen, Linda,
Grahaeme and Jenna from
Henshaws Arts and Crafts Centre
were selected as the working group
for the Magic Show.

"We are a mixed group of
disabled, visually impaired and
neurodivergent artists. This
collaboration has enabled us to
discover other workplaces and
artists through visits to Sunny Bank
Mills and Pyramid of Arts.

We've enjoyed sharing work and
ideas with each other. This process
has been about connection, and
we have enjoyed working with
Anna, Nat and the rest of the team
at Sunny Bank. The tea and biscuits
have been amazing! We also
enjoyed hosting the pyramid artists
at the Arts and Crafts Centre.

This show is about capability not
disability."

HENSHAWS ARTISTS



THE CHANDELIER GROUP



WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO US

"Working together as a team."

MORE ABOUT THE PROCESS

Alfie, Lauren, Jess, Sarah, Ollie, Andy and Nat created two chandeliers for the Magic Show in collaboration with Henshaws' Art and Design and Nature Connections workshops.

"We enjoyed working together to make a GIANT chandelier. It took weeks and weeks and weeks. We got everybody here to paint the beads and make birds. Jess made them in the woods."

THE SOUNDSCAPE GROUP



WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO US

"Having our own unique voices heard. Expressing ourselves originally, and independently through music. Hearing others and joining our thoughts to create a dialogue in music."

MORE ABOUT THE PROCESS

SM (keys) JR (keys) SB (glockenspiel) MHz (piano, guitar, humming) created the main soundtrack for the exhibition.

This group are the earliest arrivals to the morning music session at Henshaws.



THE PAPER BANNER GROUP



WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO US

"To experience new things and new ways of making."

MORE ABOUT THE PROCESS

Debs, Andrew, Andy, Rebecca, Nat, Vicky, Grahaeme, Samuel, James, Rhuana, Oliver, Emma, Mark and Annabel created 3 large paper banners to feature in the centre of the Gallery.

After visiting the Henshaws garden for inspiration, the group used ink and paint to add colour to a long roll of paper, building up nature inspired textures and colours.

THE TEXTILE & PRINT BANNER GROUP



WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO US

"Creating."

MORE ABOUT THE PROCESS

Kirsty, Linda, Beth, Lindsey, Stefi, Nat, Danny, Ella, Sarah, Samuel, Darren and Tasha created the printed banner to be featured in the exhibition's forest centrepiece.

The leaf printed banners are a collective textile piece that layers printmaking, stitchwork, and mixed media techniques. The leaf print was created by Linda and Kirsty using monoprint foliage.

HENSHAWS ARTISTS

JAMES



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Pottery.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Harry Potter"

MORE ABOUT ME

Featured in *The Magic Show* is James' plate portrait of Elton John. "Elton John is my favourite. He plays keyboard and I play the keyboard. James Bond and Harry Potter are magic but Elton John is the most magic."



ALEX



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Pens, clay and pencils.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"People."

MORE ABOUT ME

Alex is practical, hardworking, and always ready to get stuck in. He works quickly and confidently, often finishing a piece and proudly announcing, "There, I've done it."



EMMA



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Drawing with acrylic paint sticks.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Looking through books."

MORE ABOUT ME

Emma loves drawing. Each week at Henshaws, she likes to gather everything she may need for the session and sets up her desk meticulously. She has recently welcomed new materials like charcoal, pastels and inks.

SARAH



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Painting, ink and silkscreen.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Using letters to write a magic book."

MORE ABOUT ME

"I enjoy doing a lot of workshops at Henshaws. Pottery, woodwork and drama are my favourites. I like my work to be seen and I had a solo exhibition in Knaresborough. I am very proud of my work, my paintings and my prints."



DANNY



FAVOURITE MEDIUM



Dance.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Music."

MORE ABOUT ME

"I love dancing, music and I play the flute and keyboard that you can hear in my lament! I'm very helpful, I know everybody and I've loved the visits to Sunny Bank meeting the staff and other artists from Pyramid."



KAREN



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Music.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Performing."

MORE ABOUT ME

"My name is Karen Briggs and my favourite medium to work in is music. The song featured in *The Magic Show* is called *Feel the Magic*. I've played in many places such as beer festival, bedfest and Manchester and Ripon Cathedral with the Henshaws choir."





ANDY



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Papier mache

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Jokes!"

MORE ABOUT ME

"I really liked making my joke book. I enjoyed making the paper to then print the jokes onto. I am an expert papier mache wrapper! I also enjoy jewellery and working with wire. My other sessions are pottery, music, horticulture and nature connections."



LINDA



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Drawing

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Watching my Teddy bear drawing come to life as an animation!"

MORE ABOUT ME

Linda's individual sense of style is expressed in everything she does, whether through her flamboyant and colourful dress sense, her work in the performing arts workshop or in her artistic outcomes in the printmaking studio.



BETH



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Mosaic.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Magic means special and unforgettable."

MORE ABOUT ME

Beth enjoys being in the mosaic workshop at Henshaws, her favourite things to create are birds or trains. Beth likes to visit the cinema and she regularly goes to the railway museum in York.

TASH



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Pens and papier mache.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Animals."

MORE ABOUT ME

Tash loves animals and the relationship of people and pets. Tash loves working on community art projects and likes creating and working with other people to help produce the end product.

RHUANA



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Papier mache, paint and pens.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Being in nature"

MORE ABOUT ME

Rhu is a very sociable individual, she always has a lot of questions and information to pass onto people. Rhu is a prolific maker in the Henshaws paper workshop and enjoys pasting, painting and generally chatting.

JACOB



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Pencil.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Every year I go to see the statue of our lady in Lourdes with my mum and sister who was in a wheelchair."

MORE ABOUT ME

"I am Jacob and I am 25. I am in the mosaic workshop on Wednesday mornings. I have made myself as Dracula in mosaic. I dressed as Dracula for Halloween."



JAMES



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Felt tip pens, pencils and paint.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Going walking with my dad."

MORE ABOUT ME

"I like nature and I like trees and I was excited about the magical woodland. I enjoy drawing a lot and begin my pictures using a pencil. I add colour using felt tip pens or paint. I also like using pastels and charcoal and doing large paintings on the easel."

CLARE



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Textiles.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Watching shows with my mum and dad in Bradford. I wish I could fly like Mary Poppins."

MORE ABOUT ME

"I love Disney and musicals and one of my favourite stories and characters is Mary Poppins. All of my drawings were created with permanent marker pen, and I then added colour using ink."

GRAHAEME



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Felt tip pen and drawing.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Stories. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is one of my favourites."

MORE ABOUT ME

I have recently come back to drawing and I am slowly gaining confidence. I am colour blind and visually impaired so there are certain colours that I cannot see. I enjoyed drawing the characters from the story.



MARK



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Pencil drawing.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Heroes like in the Marvel comics and films."

MORE ABOUT ME

"I love drawing, birds are my favourite. I like working big and my sculpture ideas always start with a drawing. My scarecrow sculpture was built using cardboard, newspaper and paste and has taken me 7 months to build."



WILLIAM



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Drawing.

MORE ABOUT ME

When asked why he creates art, William simply replied, "I don't know." His answer reflects the instinctive and immediate way he approaches making.

William is very much in the moment when he works, focusing on the process itself.



JENNA



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Paper sculpture and mosaics.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"DISNEY!"

MORE ABOUT ME

"I love pattern and colour and building my paper mache sculptures. I like the Descendants and the character Mal - she is strong. I like that and she is also a dragon and they are very magical creatures. I always think really carefully about the materials I use."



MIKE, JAMES & JESS



FAVOURITE MEDIUM

Papier mache.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Witches, wizards, spells and potions."

MORE ABOUT ME

Mike, James and Jess share a work table in the papier mache workshop at Henshaws. They all wanted to make magic wands as part of *The Magic Show* so they could cast spells on each other!

JANNICK



FAVOURITE MEDIUMS

Papier mache and pens.

WHAT MAGIC MEANS TO ME

"Characters in TV and film."

MORE ABOUT ME

Jannick likes to get lost in a world of wonder, he often assumes a character from one of his favourite TV programmes and acts out traits from the goodies and the baddies in each story or show. He loves to make props to help him become each character.





**PHOTOS FROM INSTALL WEEK AND SITE VISITS TO
HENSHAWS, PYRAMID AND SUNNY BANK MILLS.**



EVENTS



WONDERFUL WORKSHOP WEEKENDER!

Join us during the Summer Holidays for a weekend of family friendly workshops on willow weaving, ceramics, character design and more - all led by artists featured in The Magic Show!

£14.50 standard | £6 low income
Donations are welcomed.

31st July, 1st & 2nd August
10:00 - 12:00 & 14:00 - 16:00

PERFORMANCE DAY

Join us in the Gallery on the final weekend of the Magic Show for musical and magical performances from some of the artists and facilitators at Pyramid & Henshaws.

Tickets available from £3.

Saturday 26th September
10:00 - 14:00



Scan the QR code to book your tickets and see full event listings during the exhibition.

