



André Kertész, August 16, 1979, Polaroid SX-70 Photograph. Estate of André Kertész. Higher Pictures. Courtesy of Stephen Bulger Gallery

February - August
2010

Oriel Indigo

20 February - 17 April
Preview Fri 19 Feb 7 - 9pm

Shake It:

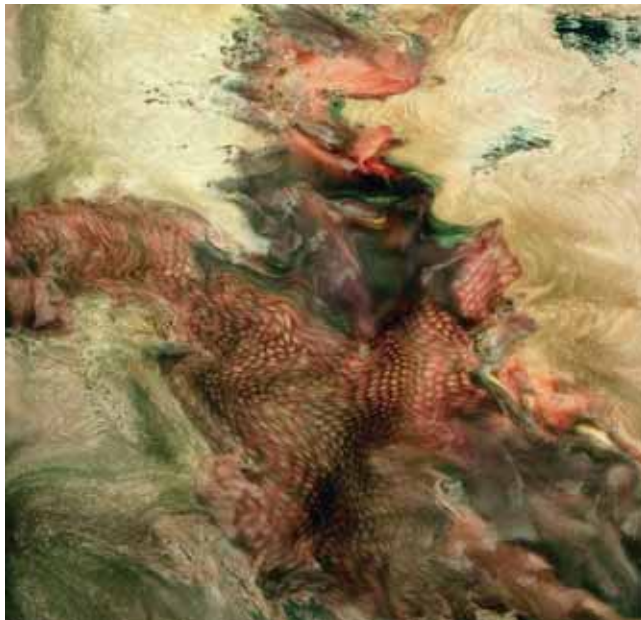
An Instant History of the Polaroid

Nobuyoshi Araki, Rut Blee Luxemburg, Guy Bourdin, Tim Braden, Walker Evans, André Kertész, Jonathan Monk, Lisa Oppenheim, Lucas Samaras

The Polaroid has had a significant impact on contemporary culture. This exhibition brings to light some of the more intriguing and innovative examples in the history of the Polaroid photograph, exploring its cultural significance and the diversity of its applications. Besides work by some of the most important artists working with the medium, the show will also include Polaroids from other diverse professions and disciplines such as forensics, archaeology, filmmaking and fashion, as well as those of amateurs and enthusiasts.

A Pump House
Gallery Touring
Exhibition

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Lucas Samaras, Photo-transformation, 10.29.73, Polaroid SX-70 photograph, Courtesy Pace McGill Gallery and Xippas Gallery

24 April – 23 June
Preview Fri 23 Apr 7-9pm

Universal Unique

As part of the Wrexham Art Festival's European theme, *Universal Unique*, examines our relationship with our European counterparts via the medium of portraiture. Including Polish-born / German-based Artist, Antek Schultz's striking head and shoulder images painted with a broad spectrum of vibrant colours.



Image courtesy of Antek Schultz

3 July – 2 September
Preview Fri 2 Jul 7-9pm

Wrexham Open 2010

Our popular annual open exhibition returns, showing work by a range of artists in all media with prizes awarded to each category of Professional, Amateur and Student artists and also a People's Prize awarded to the artwork most admired by visitors to the exhibition.



Lesley Halliwell, Pic 'n' Mix, 746 minutes (detail), Biro on paper - Winner of the Professional Prize for Wrexham Open 2009

Oriel Majenta

22 March - 26 June

Launch

We are proud to welcome back the touring exhibition, *Launch*, a celebration of three exhibition strands that have been displayed in a variety of venues around Wrexham during the Library's refurbishment and closure of our secondary display space. It consists of three exhibitions:

Photomission

An artist led project, inspired by the worldwide web project *Snap-Shot-City*. This is an exhibition of photographs taken and selected by young people in the local community.

The everyday objects, signs and symbols that provide meaning but go unnoticed are the source of inspiration in this collection of images.



Photomission, Photographs produced by Brynteg Young People's Centre

Shorts

A collection of short films created by young people in various Oriel Wrexham film-making workshops. The films are based on short stories produced using stop motion animation and long exposure photography.



Shorts, Preparatory shot for film produced during Masterpiece Movies workshop

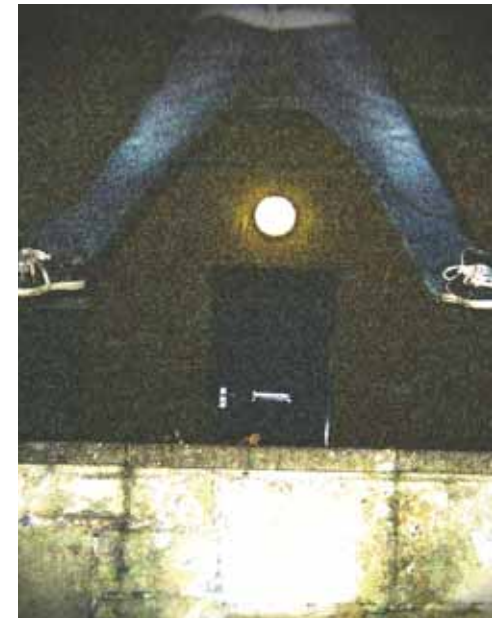


Self as Subject, Jordan

Self as Subject

These photographic self-portraits were taken in a workshop at Oriel Wrexham in response to the exhibition *out of the ordinary/extraordinary: japanese contemporary photography*. Participants were asked to create portraits of themselves using costume and props. In some cases, the images reflect an aspect of the individual's true character, yet in others the characters are imaginary with the costume acting as a disguise.

These exhibitions include work created by children and young people from Wrexham.



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Applied Arts

22 March – 12 June

Catherine Peet

Catherine creates textile bucket bags incorporating found buttons and flowing thread work.



22 March – 12 June

Janine Partington

Inspired by natural elements, Janine uses intricate hand cut stencils to create enamelled jewellery, that combine traditional enamelling techniques with fresh contemporary design.



Yvette Brown

Bird watching is the source of inspiration for Yvette's hand cast pewter 'bird' figures and jewellery. Mounted on poplar plinths, her sculptural pieces carry acetate flags bearing messages.



Nicola Cheers

Ceramic submarines created with a comical and whimsical feel. Each submarine is individually implemented with the finished surface attempting to recreate the rust and corrosion that is found on ocean going vessels after prolonged exposure to the sea.

8 June – 7 August

Melanie Tomlinson

Melanie works with sheet tinned steel to produce brooches inspired by nature, in particular butterflies and moths and their representation in folklore. Inspiration is also drawn from Romanian lace patterns where motifs of these insects often appear.



Janice Parker

Charming ceramic figurines and jewellery based on children's fictional stories.



Ann Opstrup

The lush green fields of rural Somerset, is the backdrop which inspires Ann's vibrant and richly decorated leather bags. Her designs reflect her love for colour and texture, and often incorporate words and stories.

Learning

Oriel Wrexham runs high quality visual arts activities for various groups throughout the year, in and out of term-time. Workshops are adapted to suit different ages and abilities.

Please contact the Assistant Visual Arts Officer to discuss any requests: 01978 292093 oriel.wrexham@wrexham.gov.uk

Spring Workshops

Shake It: An Instant History of the Polaroid

5 – 7pm on Monday 1 March
Snap Shots

An evening of taster workshops inspired by this photography based exhibition.

Note: Evening events for adults will be held on the first Monday in each month throughout 2010 (except 5 Apr & 6 Sep).

Mini Snap Shot sessions ~

A variety of workshops are available for young children and up to college aged students, inspired by the exhibition. Pick up an Oriel Wrexham Learning Programme or ring 01978 209093 for more information.

Easter Holidays

Super Sculpting

Tuesday 6 April
10 am – 12 noon
For under 7's (children must be accompanied by an adult helper). £3 (£2 for each additional sibling)

Spring Time Willows

Wednesday 7 April
10 am – 3 pm
For everyone aged 5+ (children under 8 to be accompanied by an adult helper). £5 (£4 for each additional sibling)

Body Shots

Thursday 8 April 10 am – 3 pm
For everyone aged 8+, adults welcome!
£5 per person (£4 concessions)

Pick up an Oriel Wrexham Learning Programme or Easter Madness brochure for more details.

Universal Unique

Mondays 3 May & 7 June
5 – 7pm

Euro Jack

Two evenings of taster workshops for adults inspired by the exhibition.

Note: Evening events for adults will be held on the first Monday in each month throughout 2010 (except 5 Apr & 6 Sep).

A variety of workshops are available for all ages (early years to university students) inspired by the exhibition. They explore issues around portraiture and common ground across different cultures. Pick up an Oriel Wrexham Learning Programme or ring 01978 209093 for more information.

May / June Half term

Wrexham Arts Festival

Monday 31 May &
Wednesday 2 June

Carnival Making with mini Parade

This years Carnival Parade is inspired by the *Universal Unique* exhibition and is part of the Wrexham Arts Festival events. Pick up an Oriel Wrexham Learning Programme or Wrexham Arts Festival leaflet for more details.

Wrexham Open 2010

Mondays 5 July & 2 August 5 – 7pm

Open to a Challenge

Two evenings of taster workshops, for adults, offering a chance to try a variety of creative techniques/medias.

What Would You Enter in 2010?

An art competition for children, in conjunction with the exhibition. Pick up an entry form from the gallery for a chance to win an arty prize.

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Self as Subject, Charley

Summer Holidays

Our Interpretation Area will have activity sheets inspired by our summer exhibitions. Activities are for a recommended donation of 50p and aimed at children.

Pick up an Oriel Wrexham Learning Programme or ring 01978 209093 for more information.

Regular Weekly Activities

Life Drawing Classes for Adults

First Thursday of every month
7– 9pm

Come and practice your drawing skills. Sessions are led by experienced tutor Graham Nelmes. £4 (£3 concessions) per person

Experiment with Colour for Adults

Every Wednesday during term time 3– 5pm

Painting course for adults of all ages and abilities working with a variety of media. Materials provided for 1st session.
£5 (£4 concessions) per session

Saturday Art Club

Every Saturday term-time
10am – 12.30pm
For children aged 8 – 12 years.
£4 per child (£3 concessions)



How to Book Workshops & Classes

All sessions have limited places so book early to avoid disappointment!

Call in or ring to make reservations. **01978 292093**



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www.wrexham.gov.uk/arts Admission Free

Opening Times:

Oriel Indigo

Mon - Wed & Fri	9.30am-6.45pm
Thurs	12.00am-6.45pm
Sat	9.30am-4.00pm

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