



The Easton Arts Trail 2008: A Quick Guide

Group Exhibitions

You could start by visiting group art and craft exhibitions at the Easton Community Centre and Silai for Skills (see below for the full Silai programme) and then move on to smaller group exhibitions at St Mark's Road Baptist Church, Gratitude 5 Studios, and Easton Family Centre. You can download a map with all the venues listed by visiting <http://www.eastonartstrail.co.uk/media/map.pdf>.

Open Houses & Other Exhibitions

You are also invited to visit 19 open house exhibitions that include sound installations, art and craft exhibitions and lots of cake! There's a programme of live music and spoken word at the Thali Café, more live music at The Chelsea Inn (see below for more information) and smaller exhibitions at Kebele, Breadolution, Café Maitreya and in the entrance to Mivart Street Studios.

New Temporary Installations, Performances, Interactions & Workshops

And as if that isn't enough, there are also a number of new temporary, site-specific installations, performances and interactions taking place on the cycle path and streets of Easton during this year's arts trail.

Other highlights include:

Easton Arts Trail Launch Party: The Plough - Friday 20 June, 9.30pm

You are invited to the Easton Arts Trail Launch Party at The Plough on Kilburn Road from 9.30pm on Friday 20 June. Thanks for putting on the party Stu!

Arab Egyptian Dance: Easton Community Centre - Sunday 22 June, 1-2pm

Maria Krajnik-Dachraoui and friends will be performing a series of Arab Egyptian dances between 1pm-2pm in the Sunshine Room at the Easton Community Centre. All welcome

Live Music: Thali Café - Saturday 21 June, 1-4pm

Come and try our fabulous tea, coffee or chai and cake and to listen to live music from our guests:

1pm: Mercado Mestizo - Latin American folk music

2pm: Laienda - Traditional folk & roots

3pm: Jetfly - Folk music

Live Music: Chelsea Inn - Sunday 22 June, 2-6pm

Come and join us for a Sunday afternoon pint and listen to live music from:

2pm: Soundsmith – Alternative, melodic & moving songs

3pm: Pink Froot - Evocative & haunting folk songs

4pm: Family Johnson - Original & classic country

5pm: Fellow Travellers - Dance Tunes of our ancestors & dry satirical songs

Spoken Word: Thali Café - Sunday 22 June, 2-4pm

Come and try our fabulous tea, coffee or chai and cake and enjoy this fabulous live poetry event:

2-4pm: Spoken Word hosted by David Johnson

David Johnson is a witty and quirky performance poet, who mixes his stand-up humour with his own verse. His inspiration comes from the bizarre world that we live in combined with a wry commentary on change and progress.

There will be a combination of invited poets reading their work and a Poetry Slam, together with an opportunity for budding local poets to read their own work.

Favourite Poet Slam: David invites you to bring along your favourite poem by any poet to read to the audience or if you are too shy, one of the poets at the event will read it for you. The audience will be asked to vote for the poem they liked best. Please note: there will be a maximum of 10 contenders, first come, first served.

Are you a budding poet? Then come and join us, there will be an opportunity for budding poets to read one of their own poems. Please note: there will be a maximum of five new poets, first come, first served.

Silai for Skills' Arts Trail Programme

Silai for Skills at 176 Easton Road, BS5 0HH will be open on 21 & 22 June as part of the Easton Arts Trail. There are a wide range of creative activities taking place over the weekend including exhibitions, fashion shows and workshops.

Open All Weekend

End of year Exhibition of students work, come and see the final pieces from our students in the training room;

Student Shop, your chance to buy unique creations from Silai students in the café;

Silai bags, a chance to see and buy handmade bags produced as part of the GRAB scheme;

Bristol Dye Works Open Weekend

Fiona and Jaz are Bristol Dye Works. They hand dye high quality organic fair trade cotton fabric for the patchwork and quilting market. They also stock some haberdashery, dyes, sketchbooks and felting essentials. Pop in and ask them about their workshop programme, and come and see their lovely colours! If you can't make it this time, they are also open on the first Friday of every month, between 10am and 4.30pm

The Whistle Stop Cafe is OPEN all weekend...

Serving vegetarian and vegan lunches, cakes, tea and coffee.

Saturday 21 June 2008

1pm & 4pm: **End of Year Fashion Show**, your chance to see the unique creations from Silai students from this year in the marquee in the car park;

11am: **Henna Painting** with Davey Patel;

11am: **Indigo Dyeing Workshop**;

11am: **Children's Workshop** with Liz in the crèche;

2-3pm: **How to Wrap a Sari**, learn how to wear a Sari with style from Aroona - bring your own or just turn up! This activity will take place in the marquee in the Silai car park.

All day: **My Easton - My Memory**, bring along a photo or memorabilia to inspire you, make an Easton Memory Swatch in mixed media and textile, to be exhibited at Silai in the Silai Kahani exhibition, part of a Heritage Lottery

funded project;

All day: **Traditional Costume** from around the world - women from Silai will present and display their traditional costume. Bring yours along and tell us about it;

Sunday 22 June 2008

12noon: **Card making** workshop with Barbara - make your own cards;

All day: **My Easton - My Memory**, bring along a photo or memorabilia to inspire you, make an Easton Memory Swatch that will be exhibited in Silai Kahani, Silai's Heritage Lottery Funded project.

Free printed Maps & Guides to the Easton Arts Trail will be delivered to every home in Easton during June. They will also be available from the Information Point at the Easton Community Centre from 11am on Saturday 21 June 2008.