



**Exhibitions and Events
January – June 2020**

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Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, *Divan Japonais* 1893.
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Welcome

Welcome to the Victoria Art Gallery, Bath's public art museum and home to a richly diverse collection of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts.

This season we will be exploring a tale of two cities: modern-day Bath and Bohemian Paris. Following on from *Bath Is It* by local artist Peter Brown, the Gallery will be transported to 1890s Paris in a one-off show. Unique to the UK, *Toulouse-Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre* will bring the sights and sounds of Lautrec's thrilling Bohemian Paris to life. The exhibition will revisit the 'street art' of the era displaying work by Toulouse-Lautrec, Mucha, Steinlen and more. The season finishes with a return to our hometown: *Bath Society of Artists' Annual Open Exhibition* is a much-loved favourite which showcases local talent and is a must for art collectors.

In the Upper Gallery the permanent collection is free to visit. Amongst the highlights are an original Tudor portrait of Henry VIII and works by Thomas Gainsborough, Gillian Ayres, Walter Sickert, Paul Klee and Grayson Perry.

We hope you enjoy your visit. À bientôt.

Jon Benington, Gallery Manager.



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Peter Brown, *Snow from the End of Bennett Street*, oil on canvas



Sally Muir: The Dog Show

Until 9 February 2020 **Free**

Sally Muir has had dogs all her life and, for nearly as long, has drawn and painted them. Some years ago she began a Facebook project, posting her dog art daily. As people became interested she became more adventurous in her materials, combining wire drawings, lithography, paper cuts, pen and ink and potato prints.

The project finished several years ago, but Muir continues to find people and their dogs endlessly fascinating. In 2017 a book of her dog portraits, *A Dog a Day*, was published. This new selling exhibition is guaranteed to bring smiles and nods of recognition to visitors' faces, even if they are not dog owners!



Sally Muir, *Amy*, oil on board

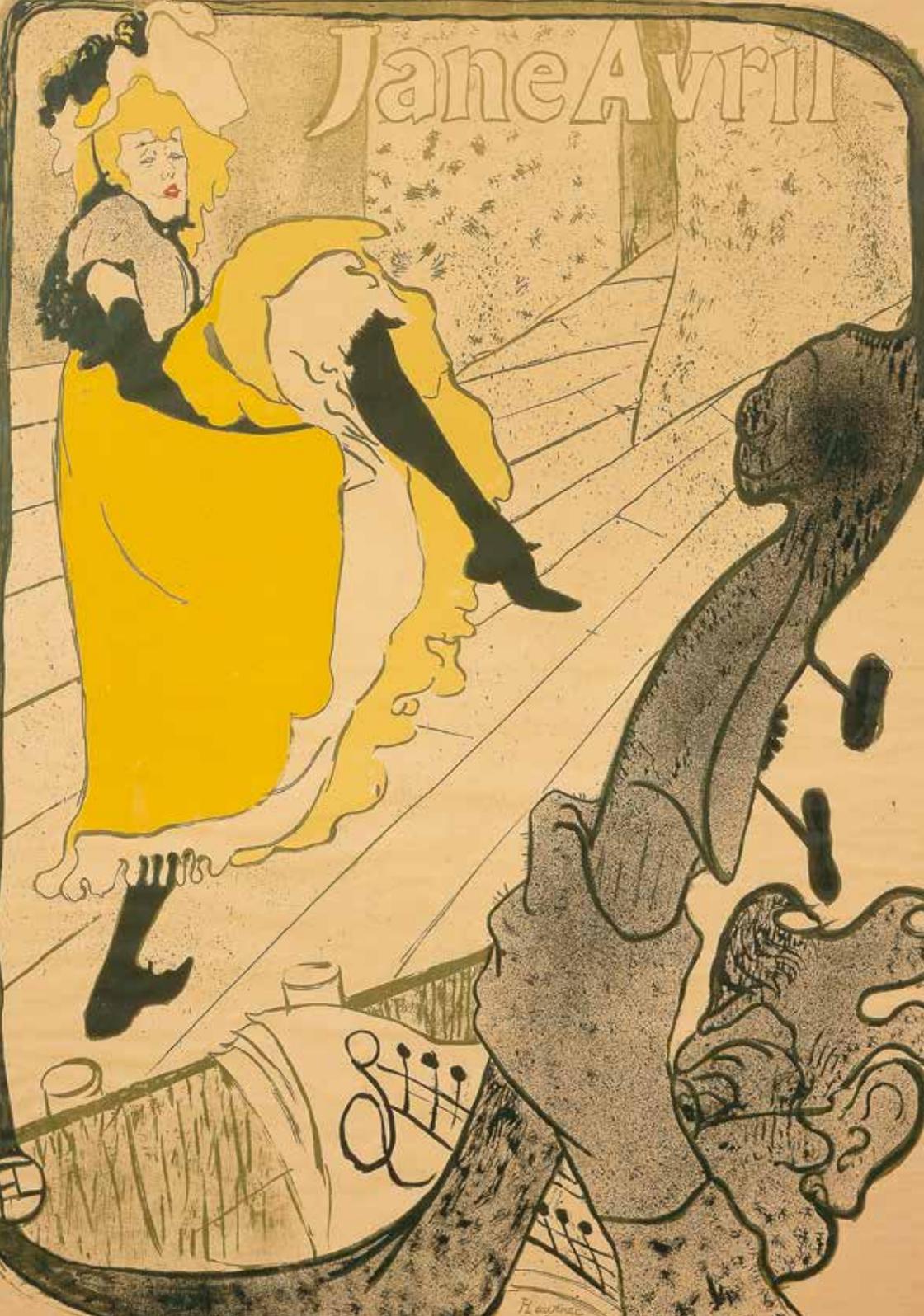
Peter Brown: Bath Is It £

Until 2 February 2020

This exhibition features over 100 new oil paintings and drawings by the ever popular Bath-based artist 'Pete the Street'. The exhibits celebrate the streets and green spaces of Bath as well as far-flung places where his easel has taken him. Having exhibited at the Gallery on a number of occasions we are delighted to welcome the return of this much-loved local artist.

The works of art include scenes of well-loved Bath locations such as Widcombe, Hedgemoor Park, Lansdown and Milsom Street, as well as lesser-known but equally beautiful corners of the city. These atmospheric views are captured in different states – quiet and bustling – and in all weathers, even during rain and snow. The artist uses the street as his studio and incorporates passers-by into his work.

Despite being in demand globally, Peter never tires of painting his home city. He came to Bath in 1986 to study for a foundation course in art. He then continued his training in Manchester and Greenwich before returning to Bath in 1993. A fully illustrated catalogue will be available and most works will be for sale.



Toulouse-Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre £

15 February – 26 May 2020

This exhibition brings the sights, sounds and delights of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec's thrilling Bohemian Paris to modern-day Bath. It revisits the 'street art' of the era with more than 80 iconic colour posters by Toulouse-Lautrec, Alphonse Mucha, Pierre Bonnard and many others. Discover how visual art, music and dance were intertwined in this thrilling era. Artworks, documents and fashion accessories will transport you back to late 19th-century Montmartre; the former hilltop village that became such a pre-eminent, if not notorious, centre of entertainment. Our free audio tour includes expert commentary and songs from the period.

Toulouse-Lautrec, as a local resident and friend of many of the performers, was ideally placed to make use of these connections in his art. He harnessed the recently invented process of colour lithography to his telling eye for detail, resulting in dozens of bold posters that were displayed all over Paris. The exposure was such that not only did Toulouse-Lautrec become an instant celebrity, but also the entertainers he was promoting.

Other artists, such as Mucha, Bonnard and Steinlen, were quick to seize the commercial opportunities. Sometimes vying with each other for commissions, at other times sharing the same subjects, this small circle of innovators made the 1890s a golden era for the art of the poster.

This exhibition is kindly supported by Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grants, our 131 Art Happens donors, and the Friends of the Victoria Art Gallery. Exhibition realised with the cooperation of Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels.

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Henri de Toulouse Lautrec, *Jane Avril, Jardin de Paris*, 1893.
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Lunchtime Exhibition Tours

Every Thursday, 20 February to 7 May inclusive, 12.30pm-1pm. Free to Discovery Card and ticket holders.

Moulin Rouge and the Masters of Montmartre

Saturday 23 February. Gallery open until 7.30pm. The Little Theatre doors open 7.30pm. Tickets £18

Enjoy a late-night opening of the exhibition followed by an exclusive viewing of *Moulin Rouge* at the Little Theatre. Ticket includes Gallery and cinema admission, and complimentary glass of Prosecco and popcorn with the film. victoriagal.org.uk/events

The Performers Unmasked

Saturdays 29 February; 7 & 14 March, 12pm-3pm

Students from Bath Spa University will reveal the human stories behind the posters.

Louche Late Night

Saturday 11 April, 6-8pm. Tickets £12

Immerse yourself in Parisian nightlife with this exclusive late-night opening with pay bar. Meet the real life stars of 19th-century Montmartre and see the caricaturist, Sensible Pencil, in action.

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Annual Open Exhibition Bath Society of Artists £

6 June – 18 July 2020

This highly popular exhibition showcases the best of the region's artistic talent and is a must for art lovers and collectors alike, with all works for sale.

The Society was founded in 1904 with 26 members. It has grown over the years to a membership of around 120 diverse, talented artists. Many distinguished 20th-century painters have exhibited with the Society including Walter Sickert, Patrick Heron, Mary Fedden and Howard Hodgkin.

The annual exhibition is also open to non-members and attracts up to 1,000 entries, with sales doubling in the last few years. The prizes on offer total more than £3,000.

During the exhibition members of the public can vote for their favourite artwork; the winner receiving the Public Choice Prize. For more information and how to enter artwork visit bsartists.co.uk

Upper Galleries Free

In the beautiful Upper Galleries we display our wonderfully diverse art collection, with works by artists including Thomas Gainsborough, Howard Hodgkin and Grayson Perry. In the decorative art gallery you can enjoy ceramics and hundreds of glittering Georgian glasses. Entry to the Upper Gallery is free to all.

Toulouse-Lautrec in the Upper Gallery

Working in partnership with Bath Carers Centre, the Gallery will be producing a one-off exhibition. Inspired by the temporary show *Toulouse-Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre*, carers and staff will curate a display in the Upper Gallery based on pieces in the Permanent Collection.



Portrait of Sophia Dumergue
by Johann Zoffany, 1780



The Dressmakers
by William Roberts, 1931

Visiting

Why not combine your visit with a trip to the Roman Baths and Fashion Museum and save up to £12.50 on entry prices with a Saver Ticket (based on an adult price).

Large exhibitions (marked £ in this leaflet) are free to children 18 and under and holders of a Resident's Discovery Card*; otherwise the charge is £6/£5.50 concs. from 15 February.



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Alternatively, buy an Annual Exhibition Pass for just **£13.50** and visit the Lower Gallery without charge as many times as you like throughout the year.

Occasionally the Lower Galleries are closed for an exhibition changeover. Please visit the website for dates.
*see bathnes.gov.uk/discoverycard for more details.



Events for Children and Adults

Free art materials, trails and quizzes are available every day from our mobile art cart. We also run a range of free, themed activities:

Family Events

Free drop-ins (no need to book), all children to be accompanied by an adult. Activities suitable for ages 3+.

Pattern Cat

Wednesday 19 February

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

There are some amazing cats in our blockbuster exhibition on the artist Toulouse-Lautrec and his friends. Be inspired by these furry creatures and use special pens and tissue paper to create a feline friend.

Dazzling Dancers

Friday 21 February

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Have you seen our special exhibition on *Toulouse-Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre*? Take a look at the show posters designed by these artists, then create dancing figures using paper and card.



Top Hats and Brilliant Bonnets

Wednesday 8 April

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Hats off to *Toulouse-Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre* in our special exhibition! Explore the hats in the pictures on display and create something amazing to wear.



The Canal Bridge, Sydney Gardens, Bath about 1927 by John Nash

Under the Bridge

Wednesday 27 May

10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Create a 3D picture of a countryside scene based on the John Nash picture in our permanent collection. Using paper plates, recreate the *Canal Bridge, Sydney Gardens* painted by the artist in 1927.

Events for Adults

Art Store Tours

Wednesdays 15 January, 19 February, 18 March, 15 April, 13 May, 10 June

12pm-12.45pm

Explore the wonderful paintings, drawings and sculpture in the permanent collection housed, and cared for, in our art stores.

Free, booking essential.

Phone 01225 477233 to book.

Collection Highlight Tours

Wednesdays 5 February, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June

1pm-1.45pm

Discover the stories behind our principal treasures with Dr Chris Davies. Free, no booking required.

Party in the City – Museums at Night

Friday 15 May

6pm-8pm

Join in the city-wide celebrations for Bath Festival. Enjoy late-night opening at the Gallery and listen to the James Lambeth Swing Band.



Art on Mondays

10am-11.30am

Free talks about the art on display for blind and visually impaired visitors, no booking required. Phone 01225 477233 for information.

13 January Peter Brown: Bath Is It

24 February Paul Klee with Katharine Wall

23 March Toulouse-Lautrec with Jon Benington

20 April Ceramics from the collection with Michael Rowe

18 May Masters of Montmartre

15 June Bath Society of Artists



Myths and Monsters

Coming soon
Summer 2020

This show is a fun continuation of our 2017 family-friendly *Here Be Dragons* extravaganza, which broke attendance records for the Gallery. *Myths and Monsters* will once again link the worlds of literature, art and myth with some of the very best (and worst) you could expect to meet. Star contributors range from Axel Scheffler to Chris Mould and Chris Riddell and the show will also feature a special section on Harry Potter.



Axel Scheffler

Venue Hire

Hold your event surrounded by masterpieces. The Victoria Art Gallery is the perfect creative choice for your wedding, drinks reception or private view.

The Upper Gallery, which houses the permanent collection, is suitable for a reception or ceremony for 100 guests. This room was purpose built as a space for art and so has beautiful natural light pooling in from the ceiling, illuminating works by artists such as Gainsborough, Klee, Nash and Sickert. The Lower Gallery, with its changing temporary exhibition programme, provides a varied backdrop of arts to entertain up to 150 guests for a wedding or drinks reception.

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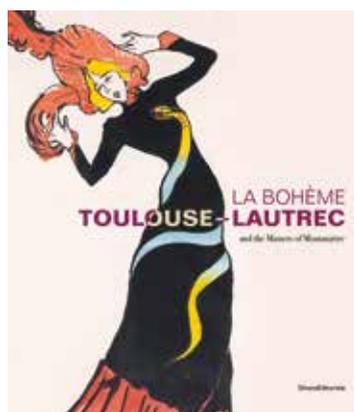
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Transport your guests to 19th-century Paris. Hire the Victoria Art Gallery during our Toulouse-Lautrec exhibition and enjoy an out of hours experience just for yourselves.

Shop

The Gallery shop is located on the ground floor. It sells a selection of items inspired by our collection and exhibition programme including greetings cards and stationery, art books for all ages and artisan gifts from jewellery to prints.



Visit our special exhibition shop celebrating Bohemian Paris!

This richly illustrated book of posters accompanies our Toulouse-Lautrec and the Masters of Montmartre exhibition



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The Victoria Art Gallery is 10 minutes' walk from Bath Railway Station and 5 minutes' walk from the Roman Baths.

Opening Times Daily 10.30am-5pm (last entry 4.40pm), including Bank Holidays except 25, 26 December and 1 January.

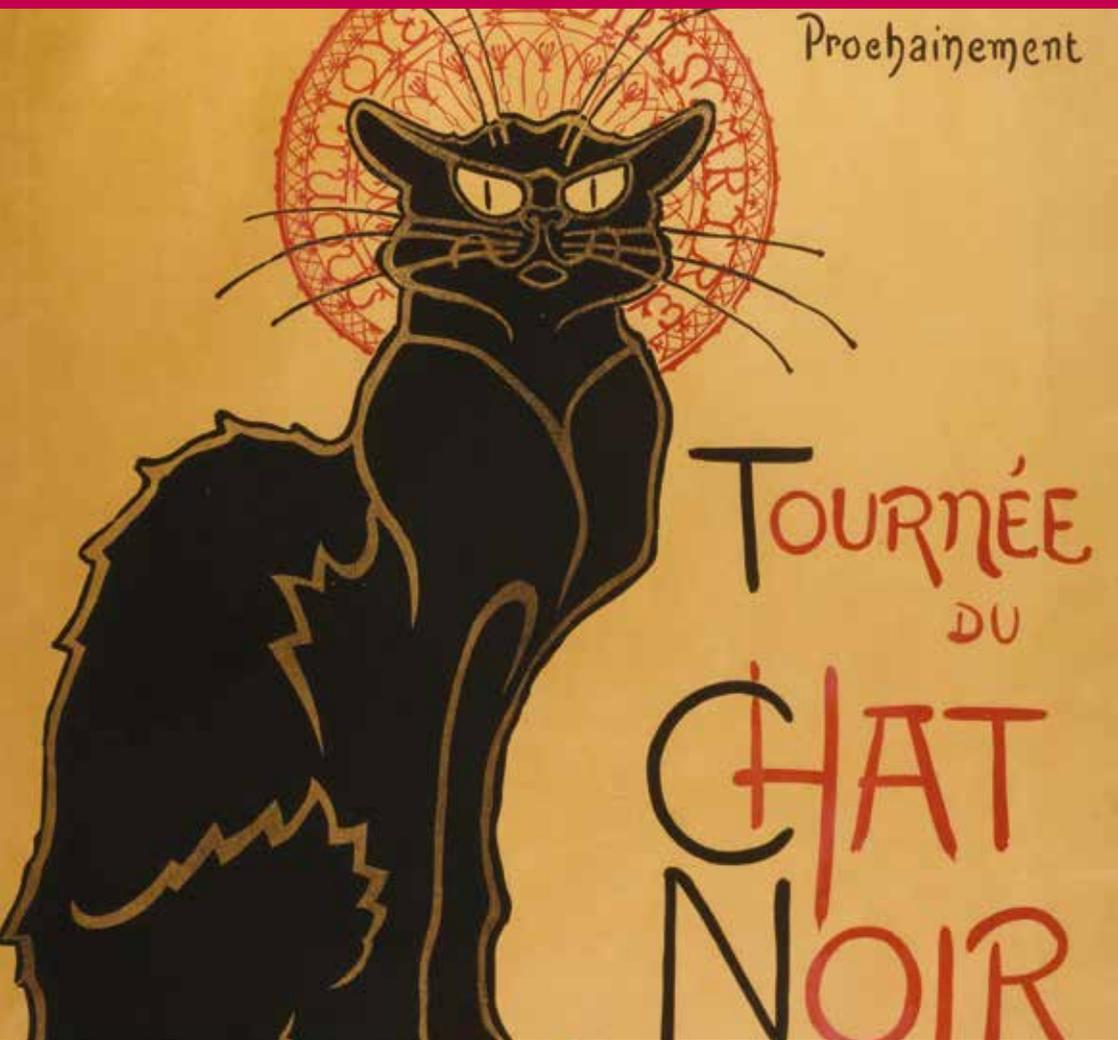
Courtesy child carriers available for visitors with young children.

We are fully wheelchair accessible. Please see victoriagal.org.uk for our accessibility guide.

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Théophile-Alexandre Steinlen, *Tournée du Chat noir*,
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