

Press Release

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Reading Guild of Artists' 90th Annual Exhibition 'Reconnected' 16th-27th July 2021

Reading Guild of Artists' (RGA) is delighted to announce that its 90th Annual Exhibition, 'Reconnected' will take place from 16th – 27th July at the Old Fire Station Gallery in Henley. Over a year since the Guild last exhibited in Henley, only days before the first lockdown, it will be a wonderful opportunity for their members to show the results of their 'creativity under quarantine' and to reconnect with the viewing public in Henley.

Guild member Helen Lunn will be exhibiting her piece 'Onwards', which she says is the result of experimenting with colour and a range of tools including kitchen roll tubes dipped in metallic paint. The paintings Helen made during lockdowns "focussed on marks and symbols which expressed pattern, communication and looking onward to different ways of living".

RGA President, Shiplake artist Clive Duncan (FRSS, RBA, SPS) said 'For 51 years, Henley has been my home town. For a small town it has generated its own cultural impetus where many celebrated artists and writers have found stimulation and a sanctuary. I hope you enjoy this special show, especially after such a long period of lockdown. All the creative ideas and energy of the artists of the RGA will at last be given the oxygen all art needs, through the interaction of people – whether they be observers, spectators or witnesses'.

This year the Marie Dyson Award will be judged and awarded by BBC Radio 3 presenter, Fiona Talkington.

As part of the much re-scheduled Henley Arts Trail, the RGA will be participating over the weekend of 17th & 18th July, listed as venue 9 in the 'HAT 2021' guide.

Further information on the Reading Guild of Artists, can be found by visiting <http://www.rga-artists.org.uk/>
or <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingGuildofArtists/>

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Photos attached:

Image: Publicity Poster

Image: 'Onwards' by Helen Lunn

Image: 'Summer Clouds' by Shelagh Casebourne

Image: 'Ladies of Devices' by Martina Hildebrandt

Note to Editors:

The Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930. It has a membership of nearly 200 artists and plays an active role in the development of artists in Reading and the surrounding areas.