

Manchester Art Gallery Friends

Calendar of Events September 2009 – February 2010

Being a Friend of Manchester Art Gallery gives you access to a fantastic programme of events. This calendar shows you what is coming up over the next six months.

You can book quickly and easily online www.manchestergalleries.org/friends/events
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September 2009

Thursday 24, 5.30 – 6.30pm

Patron

VIP Preview of Angels of Anarchy: Women Artists and Surrealism

Be the very first to view *Angels of Anarchy*, Manchester Art Gallery's blockbuster exhibition of 2009. This is the first major exhibition of women artists and Surrealism ever to be held in Europe. It will feature over 100 artworks by 33 women artists, on loan from public and private collections around the world. Paintings, prints, photographs, surrealist objects and sculptures will be presented by international artists including Frida Kahlo, Meret Oppenheim and Lee Miller.

Thursday 24, 6.30 – 9pm

Friend

General Preview of Angels of Anarchy: Women Artists and Surrealism

Come and view our groundbreaking exhibition before it opens to the public.

Friday 25, 1–2pm

Friend

Angels of Anarchy Lecture:

Max Ernst, Picasso and Man Ray through the eyes of Lee Miller and Roland Penrose

Come along to the lecture room for this talk by Antony Penrose, son of wartime photographer Lee Miller and the Surrealist painter and poet Roland Penrose. Antony will be discussing his parents' fascinating encounters with arguably the three most influential and important artists of the Surrealist movement. £10 – includes refreshments

Friday 25, 2–5pm

Friend

Exclusive Friends Preview of Angels of Anarchy: Women Artists and Surrealism

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to preview the exhibition before it opens to the public at our exclusive Friends-only private viewing.

October 2009

Friday 2, 1–2pm

Patron

Curator-led tour of Angels of Anarchy

Please join Fiona Corridan, Manchester Art Gallery Curator and Exhibition Coordinator of *Angels of Anarchy*, for an exclusive and insightful tour of what promises to be a groundbreaking show. £10

November 2009

Thursday 5, 7–8.30pm

Friend

Jake Chapman in conversation with Tim Marlow

Jake Chapman is one half of the famous duo Jake and Dinos Chapman. Consistently pushing the boundaries of contemporary art to its limits, they rose to prominence in the early 1990s as part of the Young British Art movement. To coincide with the presentation of their seminal installation *Disasters of War* alongside etchings by Francisco de Goya at Manchester Art Gallery, Jake has taken time out of his hectic schedule to speak with Tim Marlow about the influence of Goya on their work. Tim Marlow is a highly respected writer, broadcaster, art historian and Director of Exhibitions at White Cube, London. He is also well-known for presenting on the BBC World Service and for his numerous art programmes on Channel 5. This talk will be followed by a book signing by Jake Chapman. £12 - includes refreshments

November 2009

Friday 20, 2pm – 4pm

Best Friend

Salvaged! An insight into conservation at Manchester Art Gallery

As a supporter of Manchester Art Gallery, part of your Friends subscription enables us to carry out vital conservation work on art works from our extensive collection. We are pleased to host a special event for Best Friends at our Conservation Studios at Queen's Park. You'll be able to witness our conservation work in action and hear about our latest projects by our conservation experts. £15 – includes transport between Manchester Art Gallery and Queens Park

December 2009

Saturday 12, 9.30am – 6pm (includes travel time)

Friend

Damien Hirst and Old Masters at the Wallace Collection, London

Join one of Manchester Art Gallery's senior curators on a visit to the famous Wallace Collection, a national museum in an historic London town house. In the morning, you will be given a guided tour of the permanent collection which presents unsurpassed displays of French 18th century painting, furniture and porcelain together with superb Old Master paintings. In the afternoon, we will be viewing *Damien Hirst: The Blue Paintings*, an exhibition of 25 new paintings by Hirst hosted by the Wallace Collection. *The Blue Paintings* bear witness to a bold new direction in his work and will create a dramatic visual dialogue with the works of art displayed in the adjacent sumptuous rooms. £50 – includes transport between London and Manchester

January 2010

Saturday 16 January, 2 – 4pm

Friend

Pre-Raphaelites, Sex and Death

Join us for an enlightening talk by Franny Moyle, television producer, a Director of the Hackney Empire and author of *Desperate Romantics: the Private Lives of the Pre-Raphaelites*. Come to the lecture room to hear her speak about the bohemian lifestyle of the Pre-Raphaelite artists which crossed 19th century barriers of class and shockingly bent the rules that governed the roles of the sexes. Drawing on the artists' own letters and diaries, she brings to life these reluctant Victorians, and sheds new light on a sensational body of art. £10 – includes refreshments

February 2010

Thursday 4 February, 6.30 – 8.30pm

COLLECTORS CIRCLE TASTER EVENT (open to Best Friends and Patrons)

Frank Cohen and curator David Thorp in conversation with journalist Louisa Buck

Included every year in ARTnews magazine's 'The World's Top 200 Collectors' list, retail entrepreneur Frank Cohen is arguably the most important art collector in the North West. To coincide with our exhibition of selected works from his collection, he will talk with his curator David Thorp and Louisa Buck about the show and his passion for collecting. Louisa Buck is a well-known writer and broadcaster on contemporary art for the BBC and The Art Newspaper, and was a jurist for the 2005 Turner Prize. David Thorp, previously Director of the South London Gallery, is also an independent curator who has always worked with living artists at the forefront of experimental visual culture. £12 – including refreshments

Thursday 18 February, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Friend

Art Dealer Anthony D'Offay in conversation with Keith Hartley, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art

In January 2010, Manchester Art Gallery will present part of ARTIST ROOMS, a prestigious new collection of international contemporary art which was gifted in 2008 to the nation by Anthony D'Offay, one of the most important and influential art dealers of our time. This gift of over 725 works by seminal artists, is one of the largest ever made to museums in Britain and is jointly managed and cared for by National Galleries of Scotland and Tate. Join us to hear Anthony D'Offay and Keith Hartley, Deputy Director of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art speaking about the gift and our ARTIST ROOMS exhibition. £12 - including refreshments