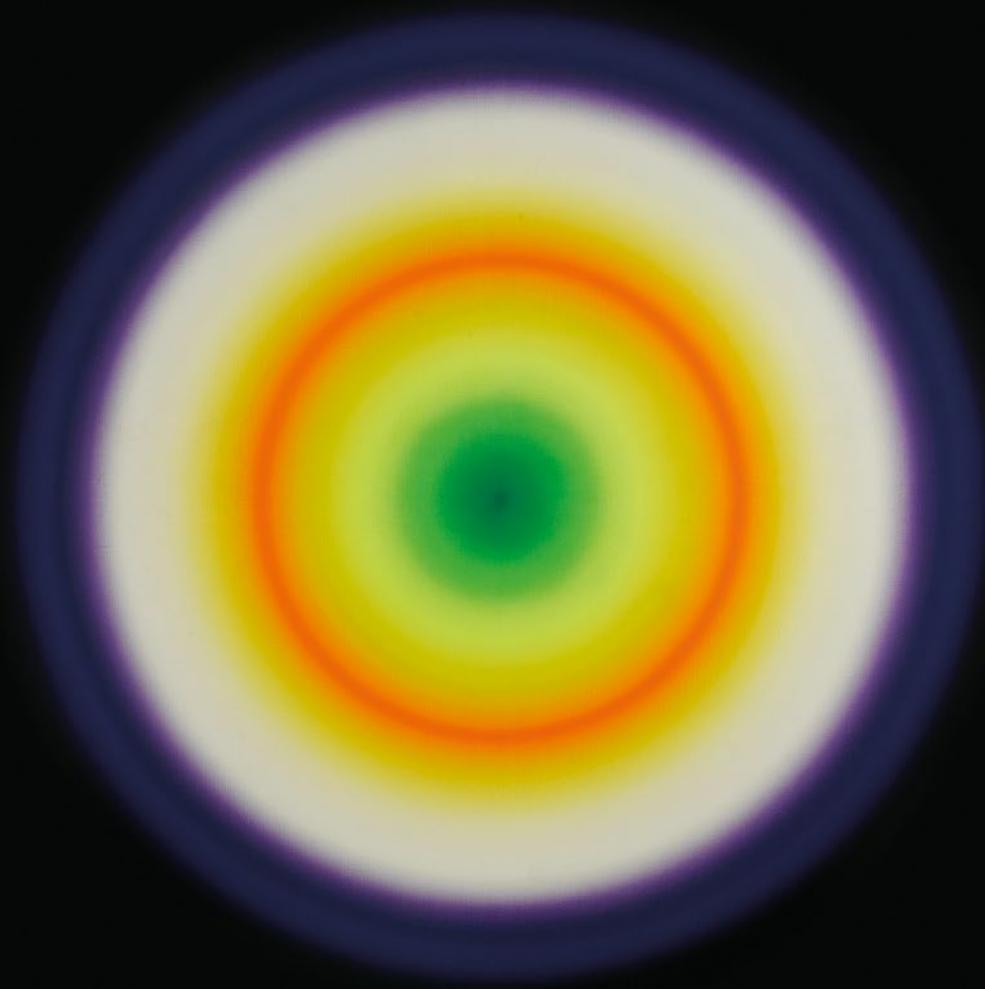


towner art gallery



January – April 2017

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A Certain Kind of Light

Light in Art Over Six Decades

21 January – 7 May 2017, Free

An Arts Council Collection National Partners Programme Exhibition

A Certain Kind of Light is a major new exhibition exploring how artists have responded to light, its materiality, transience and effect over six decades. The exhibition brings together artworks from the Arts Council Collection and Towner's Collection that reflect the relationship between light and a wide range of themes from brightness, colour and perception to transformation, energy and the passage of time.

Encompassing paintings, sculpture, video, photography, drawing and immersive installations by almost thirty leading artists for whom light is an essential artistic material, as well as those for whom light itself is the subject, the exhibition includes works by David Batchelor, Ceal Floyer, Raphael Hefti, Gary Hume, Runa Islam, Anish Kapoor, L S Lowry, Julian Opie, Katie Paterson, Peter Sedgley, Mark Titchner, Rachel Whiteread and Cerith Wyn Evans.

Towner is an Arts Council Collection National Partner. The Arts Council Collection is the largest national loan collection of British modern and contemporary art. As part of the Collection's 70th anniversary celebrations, the National Partners Programme will see four major galleries working together to host a series of new exhibitions. The Arts Council Collection is managed by Southbank Centre, London on behalf of Arts Council England.

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Associated Events

Philip Ball: Art and Light

Sun 26 February / 2pm / £5 / £4 conc. & members

Science writer and broadcaster Philip Ball explores the possibilities and challenges of light as an artistic medium.

David Batchelor: The Luminous and the Grey

Sat 11 March, 2pm / £5 / £4 conc. & members

A Certain Kind of Light artist David Batchelor takes us on a voyage to places where colour comes into being and where it fades away, drawing on a wide range of material from neuroscience, philosophy, literature, film and the writings of artists.

Ann Wroe: Six Facets of Light

Sat 15 April / 2pm / £5 / £4 conc. & members

Author and journalist Ann Wroe presents a walker's experiences of light in nature with the observations and thoughts of a painters and writers, including Ravilious, Turner, Hopkins, Coleridge, and Newton, who have wrestled to define and understand light.

Garry Fabian Miller: Tracing Light

Sat 29 April / 2pm / £5 / £4 conc. & members

A Certain Kind of Light artist Garry Fabian Miller discusses how the transforming power of light inspires his work.

Curator's Walk and Talk

Thu 4 May / 1pm / Free

Join Brian Cass, Towner's Head of Exhibitions on an informal tour of the exhibition and a discussion about the themes in the show.

Cover: Peter Sedgley, *Corona*, 1970. Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London © the artist. Gift of the Arnolfini Collection Trust, 2001.



John Riddy, *New York*, 1994. Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London © the artist

The Museum of Art

4 February – 17 April, Free

Inspired by the eclectic collections amassed by 19th century collectors, *The Museum of Art* uses works from the Towner Collection to playfully reflect the mood and character of a Victorian museum.

The installation juxtaposes seemingly disconnected paintings and brings together diverse clusters of sculptures in crowded cases. These unexpected arrangements allude to hidden connections and inspire the viewer to invent their own histories for the works.

This display will include the Towner Bequest and works by Henry Moore, Victor Pasmore and Christopher Wood.

Associated Events

Collector's Corner

Fridays 24 February, 31 March & 14 April / 2-3pm / Free

Each month we invite a different collector to share their collection in the gallery. See townereastbourne.org.uk/events for further details.

Collection Care

Tuesdays 28 February & 28 March / 2-3pm / Free (booking recommended, places limited)

Join Conservator Corinne Farmer for a practical introduction to the care and preservation of objects.

A History of Towner in Ten Objects

Thu 2 March / 2pm / Free

Assistant Curator Tom Laver tells the story of Towner through ten objects.

THE MUSEUM OF ART



Ravilious Room

4 February – 17 April, Free

Artist and designer Eric Ravilious is renowned for some of the 20th century's most iconic depictions of the Sussex countryside. Since the 1930s Towner has developed one of the largest public collections of Ravilious' work as well as extensive archive materials. Our Ravilious Room is a dedicated space to admire a selection of his finest watercolours, prints and ceramics, explore our archive and browse books on the artist. This display will include *Lombardy Poplars*, 1935 and *The Lifeboat*, 1938.

Please note the Ravilious Room will be closed for a change of display from 23 January – 3 February. It will then be closed from 18 April until late October during our major new Ravilious Exhibition and for a period before and after this exhibition. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. More info can be found at townereastbourne.org.uk/ravilious-room

Supported by Eastbourne Arts Circle

Eastbourne Arts Circle Talks

These popular talks look at the lives and work of great painters through the ages. For dates please see eastbourneartscircle.org.uk



Above right: Eric Ravilious, *The Carnation House*, 1938. British Council Collection.

Exhibition Preview: Ravilious & Co: The Pattern of Friendship

English Artist Designers 1922 – 1942

27 May – 17 September 2017



Based on new research and telling a story that has never been told before, this major exhibition of the artist and designer Eric Ravilious (1903-1942) coincides with the 75th anniversary of his death. It explores the significant relationships and working collaborations between Ravilious and an important group of friends and affiliates, including Paul and John Nash, Enid Marx, Barnett Freedman, Tirzah Garwood, Edward Bawden, Thomas Hennell, Douglas Percy Bliss, Peggy Angus, Helen Binyon, and Diana Low. The exhibition will include many of Ravilious' key works shown alongside both well-known and less seen works by his contemporaries, from watercolours to woodcuts, lithographs, book jackets and illustrations, patterned papers, and wallpaper and fabric design.

Events & Workshops

For All

Alternative Viewpoints

Saturdays 7 January, 4 February, 4 March,
1 April / 4-4.30pm / Free / Open to all
An interactive artist-led exploration of key
works in our current exhibitions.

Fuse Box

Daily during gallery opening hours / Free /
Open to all
An artist designed space encouraging you
to explore themes and ideas in *A Certain
Kind of Light*.

Children and Young People

Art in Your Hands

Wednesdays 15 February, 5 & 12 April,
10.30-11am / Free / 5 years +
(booking recommended)
A unique opportunity to handle objects
from the Towner Collection as part of
The Museum of Art.

Displaying Dinosaurs and Collecting Curiosities

Wednesdays 15 February, 5 and 12 April /
11-12.30pm / Free / 5 – 16 year olds
(booking recommended)
Artist-led workshops in response to
The Museum of Art.

A History of Towner in Ten Objects

Thursdays 16 February & 6 April / 2-2.30pm /
Free / Families
Discover curious facts about Towner's artworks
with the learning team in a workshop linked to
The Museum of Art.

Voice on a Lightbeam

Sat 18 February / 11-4pm / Free drop in /
Families
Join Dr Jonathan Hare (from BBC Rough

Science) to put your own voice on a lightbeam!
Part of Brighton Science Festival in response to
A Certain Kind of Light.

Light Party

Sat 15 April / 3-6pm / Free / Families
Join us and party in the gallery! DJs, VJs and
glow sticks inspired by *A Certain Kind of Light*.

Tiny Towner

Every Tuesday / 10.30am-12.30pm / Free /
0-5 year olds
Creative play for under 5s and their carers
linked to ideas and work in our current
exhibitions.

Arts Award Extra

Saturdays 7 January, 4 February, 4 March,
1 April / 11am-2pm / Free / 5-25 year olds
Arts Award Adviser support for those
completing any level award who are registered
at another centre.

Adults

Arts in Mind

Every Thursday / 2-5pm / £1 donation
An artist-led group supporting mental health
through creative development. Referrals
through our partnership with Brightview,
Sussex Oakleaf.

Open Ended

Tuesdays 3 January, 7 February, 7 March,
4 April / 10am-12pm / £3 including refreshments
(free for carers) / Adults with memory loss
A monthly exploration of our collection and
exhibitions designed to support those with
memory loss.

Eastbourne Sketchers

Saturdays 7 January, 4 February, 4 March,
1 April / 3-5pm / Free / Adults with an interest
in sketching
Run by members of the community for anyone
who sketches from real life. All abilities welcome.
townereastbourne.org.uk/eastbourne-sketchers

Drawn to the Page

Sat 28 January / 2-5pm / £30

(discounts available)

Creative writing workshop for all abilities in response to *A Certain Kind of Light*.

For further details and to book visit newwritingsouth.com/events

Blue Monkey Network

Monthly events / £30 annual membership fee

Run by artists for artists, in partnership with the gallery. Regular events including artist talks, out of hours viewings and professional development opportunities. More at townereastbourne.org.uk/blue-monkey-network

Funk Up Your Junk

Fridays 24 February, 3, 10 and 17 March /

10am-12pm / Free / 19 years or older,

living in Eastbourne and Wealden

A Street Learning course run by Sussex Downs College. For further details and to book please contact streetlearning@wealden.gov.uk

For further information on the above events, or to book a space please visit townereastbourne.org.uk/learning



Tours & Trails

Art Store Tours

Sundays 8 & 22 January, 5 & 19 February, 5 & 19 March, 2, 16 & 30 April / 12pm / £6 / £5 conc. & members

Go behind the scenes and enjoy a fascinating introduction to Towner's impressive art collection. From the original Victorian bequest to Ravilious, no two tours are the same.

Private Art Store Tours

£7 per person (minimum charge £35)

We also offer private art store tours at a time of your choice. Contact towner@townereastbourne.org.uk

Perspectives on...

...Alfred Wallis

Sat 28 January / 2pm / £6 / £5 conc. & members

Towner's permanent collection includes several works by Alfred Wallis (1855 – 1942), a master mariner and later a self-taught artist who lived most of his life in Cornwall. You will be able to view his work in close detail and learn more about his life and unique style.

...the Berwick Murals

Sun 9 April / 2pm / £6 / £5 conc. & members

A rare chance to view our collection of sketches produced by Duncan Grant and Vanessa Bell in preparation for their murals in Berwick Church.

Coastal Culture Trail

The Coastal Culture Trail links three award winning galleries situated along 25 miles of East Sussex coastline – Towner Art Gallery in Eastbourne, De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill and Jerwood Gallery in Hastings. For information on events and how to enjoy the trail by bike, train or on foot visit coastalculturetrail.com or follow @CoastalCultureT

Booking

Tickets for events, tours and talks can be booked online at townereastbourne.org.uk, by calling 01323 434670 or in person at the Welcome Desk.

Visitor Information

Free Admission

Tuesday – Sunday 10am – 5pm

Bank Holiday Mondays 10am – 5pm

Please note that we are closed on

24, 25, 26 December 2016 & 1 January 2017

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Mailing List

Receive information about our exhibitions, events and private views.

townereastbourne.org.uk/maillinglist

Travel and Parking

Walk/Cycle: We are a 10 min walk from Eastbourne station. Follow signs to Devonshire Park. Secure bike racks to the rear of the building.

Bus: the 3 (local service) and 12A (Brighton) stop near the Winter Gardens on Carlisle Rd.

Train: Direct to Eastbourne from London (1hr 25 min), Brighton (35 min) and throughout the South East.

Car: College Rd Car Park is pay and display and has designated spaces for blue badge holders.

Accessibility

We have a lift to each floor and a wheelchair can be provided. See townereastbourne.org.uk for more info or call 01323 434670 to discuss specific needs. Towner supports the  i-go Access All Areas scheme.

Café

Urban Ground at Towner is open from 10am – 4.30pm serving top quality coffee, homemade cakes and light lunches.

Shop

Take home gifts, books, prints and stationery influenced by our collection and exhibitions or shop online at shop.townereastbourne.org.uk

Membership

Support our work and enjoy invitations to private views and other exclusive events as well as discounts in our café and shop. Join now at townereastbourne.org.uk/members

Legacies

Remembering Towner in your will is a wonderful way to make a lasting impact on future generations' enjoyment of the gallery. All gifts make a real difference and are free of inheritance tax. To discuss your wishes confidentially, email clare.dobson@townereastbourne.org.uk or call 01323 434663.

Volunteer

If you enjoy interacting with people and have an enthusiasm for art then we'd love to hear from you. Contact volunteer@townereastbourne.org.uk

Venue Hire

Our spaces are available to hire for daytime and evening events. To find out more contact clare.bennett@townereastbourne.org.uk or call 01323 434679.

Conservation Services

Undertaken by our fully accredited conservator Corinne Farmer, ACR. To book a free consultation email corinne.farmer@townereastbourne.org.uk



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