

*artsinfo

The quarterly newsletter for Slough's growing arts community

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Connecting Creative Minds

Launched in July, *artsinfo online has already proved to be a valuable tool for inspiring and informing Slough's ever expanding artistic community. The website provides a wealth of information including: information about support from Arts Development; a record of projects such as Art at the Centre and a number of other public art initiatives; links to partners; funding information and the latest news and opportunities for artists, participants and audiences of the arts in Slough.

Especially useful is the new searchable artist's directory, whose numbers are growing every week. Already housing the details of over 30 artists, the directory provides a portal for individuals and community groups to identify artists who live or work in Slough and are involved in arts projects. Artists have the ability to create and edit their own profiles and detail, not only their artistic practice, but their educational and community arts experiences. Interested individuals and organisations can find an artist with skills and experience relevant to their

own needs, and acquire professional and practical knowledge, key to turning their ideas into reality. A look at the wide variety of artists and mediums represented gives an inspiring vision of Slough as a hub of diversity in creative expression.

The directory has been designed to replace Slough Borough Council's existing artist's database, which will cease to exist from January 2005. Kevin Harrison, Assistant Arts Development Officer said:

'Increasing access to the arts is one of Arts Development's primary aims. The online directory represents a new phase in the development of our service. Instead of waiting for a staff member to make a search, people can access information authored by the artist themselves, 24 hours a day.'

*Arts Development are keen to encourage more artists and members to subscribe to *artsinfo online. Please visit www.slough.gov.uk/arts to sign up to the directory or as a member.*



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>> EWCS

Chitran jan

The Eastern Women's Cultural Society (EWCS), led by Mrs Seth, once again ran its popular arts programme, which concludes with a Festival Finale. Students learnt how to paint intricate henna designs, dance to Bhangra and play instrumental percussion. The sessions were free and open to everyone regardless of age, gender or ethnicity.

The project was funded by Awards for All and its aim was to give people the

opportunity to learn new skills, meet others and gain confidence in a friendly, fun environment. As in previous years, Mrs Seth taught vocal music alongside some of her former students.

The Festival Finale will be on Saturday 27th November at The West Wing. Tickets cost £4.00. For more information please contact Mrs Seth on 01753 527824, EWCS, 40 Ledgers Road, Slough, SL1 2RL.

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While every care is taken with submitted material, the editor regrets that no responsibility can be taken for material that is lost or damaged. The views expressed in *artsinfo do not necessarily reflect the official SBC policy. The editor would like to thank everyone who has submitted articles for inclusion in *artsinfo.

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Inter-faith Project Promotes Cultural Harmony

Artists of different faiths are interpreting the Stations of the Cross for the Via Dolorosa Project at Saint Mary's Church in Slough. The project aims to reinterpret the stations from different perspectives, using diverse art forms to challenge misconceptions and barriers between faiths.

Zeljana Schonauer was invited to participate, as an artist representing the Buddhist faith. She chose 'Station 5: Simon helps Jesus carry his cross.' She feels that the themes evoked by the station are how we cope with our own problems, as well as witnessing other people's suffering, with a wide range of emotional responses. She writes: 'I have been practicing Nichiren Dishonin's Buddhism for four years, which has had an enormous impact on my personal life. My main work is in

print-making and sculpture. I also run a small business teaching art and using art as therapy.'



>> Zeljana Schonauer

Crossroads children benefit from CATs course

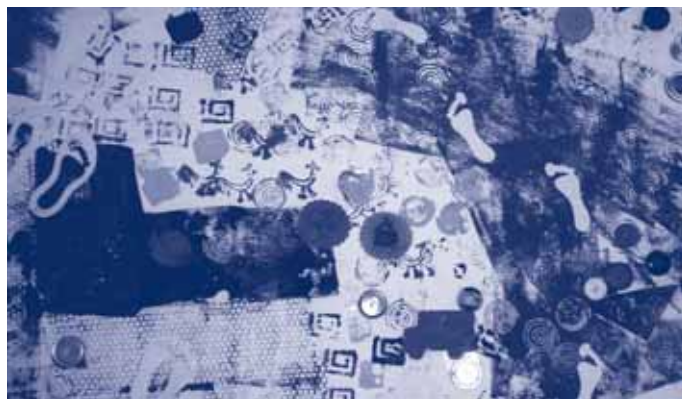
Jackie Yokota and her colleague Rita Putt both from Slough Crossroads attended the four-day Community Arts Training in Slough. Having been inspired by the various artists that they met, they were determined to put this knowledge to some positive use with the young people they work with.

During the summer holidays, Crossroads provided a four-week sports and activities club. Jackie contacted Rebecca Cairns at Arts Development who helped her with a grant application to Awards for All. The grant was successful, and they were awarded £4,500 for the project. Rebecca was also able to assist by providing information on artists who had worked with children with special needs, three of whom were available for the summer.

The children enjoyed the activities, working with paints, chalks, crayons and clay, and were accompanied on a one-to-one basis by support workers or volunteers from local schools. Over the period many "works of art" were produced - each one lovingly created. The work was displayed at Slough Museum during September.

If there are any artists who would like the opportunity to work with a group of young people with special needs please contact Jackie on 01753 547799. The group meet on a weekly basis during school term time and can always accommodate new talent.

Local focus



>> Artwork from Crossroads summer club

Slough gets grant for musical youth

The National Foundation for Youth Music has awarded Slough Borough Council a grant of nearly £387,000 towards the development of a Youth Music Action Zone.

The project is called 'Hear What I'm Playin' and will provide music making opportunities for young people up to the age of 18 from disadvantaged communities, young offenders and deaf and disabled people.

Running until March 2006, the project will give more than 150,000 young people the chance to take part in various musical experiences, including: DJ workshops, African vocals and movement, Caribbean percussion, Asian music and dance.

John Turner, Head of Slough Services for Young People said: "Hear What I'm Playin will bring together young people and allow them to express themselves through music. All levels of confidence and ability are welcome and there will be a large public performance at the end of the course."

Cllr Sean Wright, said: "The aim of this fantastic project is to give youngsters a chance to add their voices to the culture of Slough. It enables individuals to share in the musical values of Slough's multicultural community and even create their own CD."



Join the Slough Arts Development marketing list

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 we are required to gain your "informed consent" to add your name and details on to our marketing list.

*We would like you to join this list so that we can send you **★artsinfo** and information about funding programmes/events/performances/workshops and training organised by Slough Arts Development, other Slough Borough Council departments, other local or regional community/arts/education organisations we think are relevant.*

We will also use the information we will hold to assist towards statistics used to promote the Arts.





>> *Beyond Belief* by young people of SYPC Sept 03

What is SYPC?

Slough Young People's Centre (SYPC) is a high street resource for 14-25 year olds in Slough providing information, advice and incorporating arts and cultural activities for young people. We have a dance studio, a recording studio and a video-editing suite. SYPC was set up in 1997, following a survey by Youth Views Action Research. There are nine full time members of staff with two more joining soon.

What services do you offer to young people in Slough?

We provide an information and advice service. We do not claim to be experts in all matters but we can signpost people. Young people can come in to the Drop-in Centre and play video games, table football and pool. More importantly get to know our services and staff, perhaps gaining confidence to ask for advice. The After Hours Arts Academy offers free 10 week training including music technology and dance. I teach Drama and our Publications and Marketing Officer, Tom Law, is the Photoshop tutor. We also bring in freelance artists for subjects our staff are unable to teach. The 'CT4YP' project provides talented young people with bespoke training with creative professionals and organisations.

between 16-24 years old who has been unemployed for six months or over.

We are also hoping to showcase a short multimedia installation lasting about 30 minutes. It will be a high quality piece exploring the limits of what is possible through multimedia. It will involve all aspects of After Hours Arts Academy, so communication will be an important skill that the young people will learn.

How can young people get involved?

They can come in, phone or e-mail the centre, check the website, or they can enrol for one of the After Hours courses. There are no entry requirements and everyone has a choice as to how involved they want to become. We also offer lots of work experience opportunities in many disciplines.

Have any of the young people who attended SYPC pursued a career in the arts?

Yes, quite a lot have been encouraged to go on to further education in the arts and have gained positions thereafter. Many have successfully won Social Enterprise bids, or have gone on to teach dance, singing or video courses. One of the main aims of the centre has been to give young people a reason for staying and working in the arts in Slough.

Slough Young People's Centre (SYPC), 323 High Street Slough, SL1 1BL.

The Drop-in Centre is open from: Monday-Thursday 9.30am-9pm Friday 9.30am-5pm Saturdays 10am-5pm For further details please contact SYPC on 01753 539300 or visit their website at www.sypc.co.uk



Marketing List - Entry form

Please complete in CAPITAL letters

First Name

Surname

Position (If applicable)

Organisation (If applicable)

Address

Postcode

Tel No

Fax No

Email

Website

Professional Artist Voluntary Artist

Professional Arts Org Voluntary Arts Org

How would you like to receive information from us:

Post email

Please tick the box if you would like us to share your details with other relevant organisations as detailed overleaf.

Please return the marketing card to: **Arts Development, Slough Borough Council, FREEPOST (SCE 8944), SLOUGH, SL1 3BR**

Art in Public Spaces, Slough

November sees the launch of 'Art in Public Spaces, Slough', a new publication that profiles public art projects in Slough and explains the process of commissioning art. It demonstrates how and when businesses, local residents, artists and organisations can get involved. Highlighting the commitment Slough Borough Council has made to public art, this publication celebrates work in the borough. For further details, please visit www.slough.gov.uk/arts

Celebrating Community Arts Training in Slough

A publication 'Celebrating Community Arts Training in Slough' will be launched in December 2004 at a celebratory networking event held at the West Wing.

Commissioned by the Arts Development team, this publication celebrates the achievements of artists, arts organisations and voluntary groups who have attended the course and includes testimonials from CATS trainees.

Arts Development would like to contact anyone who has attended the Community Arts Training in Slough over the past 10 years to help us celebrate a decade of professional arts development in Slough.

Please contact us at artsinfo@slough.gov.uk or telephone 01753 875667 to ensure you are invited to this special event or to book a place on the next course in March



>> Magnet by Mrs Jasmeet Mudhar

Broaden your creative horizons

Creativity will be on the horizon for Slough's young people this November, with a special event to promote opportunities in the creative industries.

Now in its third year, Creative Horizons showcases the work of creative businesses in and around the town and highlights the kind of careers available to pupils when they leave education. Young people will have the chance to find out about jobs in journalism, film-making, creative writing, television and the music

industry, with workshops and exhibitions during the two-day event. Alison Hibbert, Project Development Manager for the Heart of Slough, said: 'More and more people are taking up careers in the creative industries, and we want to tell Slough's young people what you need to do to get into them, and what kind of opportunities are available in the local area.'

Creative Horizons runs from 16th to 17th November, and is funded by the Heart of Slough, Slough Creative Partnerships, Thames Valley University, Slough Enterprise Hub and Slough Borough Council.

Some of the activities on offer include:

Creative careers - 16th and 17th November

A two-day event held at Thames Valley University for more than 1,500 year nine pupils. Students and their teachers get the opportunity to go to a wide range of seminars and experience active demonstrations from creative professionals. More than 60 creative professionals from chefs to

ceramicists, dancers to DJs and web to jewellery designers are on hand to share information about their personal career paths, what inspired them and their top tips to succeed in the creative industries.

Creative Education Fair 16th November 4.30 - 8.00pm

An evening event at Thames Valley University aimed at all creative people, offering advice, tasters and the chance to talk to staff from higher and further education establishments running courses in the creative field.

Young entrepreneurs media and creative business plan competition

Young people entering the Young Entrepreneurs Competition were asked to develop a business plan for a company in the creative industry, such as a new fashion label, a web design company or a graphic design studio. The winner will be announced by judges during the Creative Horizons event, with the first prize being a month's free office space in the Slough Enterprise Hub and a free business support session from Business Link.

Local News

Changing Faces

Anne Brown has been appointed Visual Arts Consultant for Slough Borough Council Education and is based at the Slough Creative Partnerships office. She will be working with all Slough schools.

Louise O'Dwyer joins the Arts Development team as Arts Development Assistant, a new post created to support the growing work of the team.

It's that time of year again!

Colnbrook Amateur Stage Theatre will be presenting their fifth village pantomime 'Snow White & The Seven Dwarves'. Anyone wanting to get a taste of amateur theatre at its finest is invited to join the group behind the scenes before and during the production.

If you want to get involved or want to book tickets for the show call Tim on 07814 383506, or Laura on

07880 627204. Alternatively visit www.cast-online.org.uk

Festive Family Fun at Slough Museum

Slough Museum will be running FREE drop-in art & craft activity sessions for children and families over the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd December at 1.30-3.30pm and Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th December at 1.30-3.30pm. Come down and take part in fun Art Trolley activities - Christmas past, present and future! *Please contact Claire Toogood on 01753 526422 for further details of activities.*

There's No Place Like Home

Slough Musical Theatre Company is returning to its original home after a 50 year gap with a production of the Lionel Bart musical "Oliver" in February 2005 at the newly refurbished West

Wing Arts Space at Arbour Vale, Slough. Slough Musical's first production, "No, No, Nanette" was performed at Arbour Vale in May 1953 and "Oliver" will take place on the same stage! Based on the Charles Dickens story 'Oliver Twist', "Oliver" tells the story of a young, poor orphan boy living in the slums of London in 1850. Songs include 'Food, Glorious Food' and 'Consider Yourself'. With up to 25 children on stage as the workhouse boys and all the adults, this is a show suitable for all the family.

Performance dates are Thursday 17th - Saturday 26th February 2005 from 7.45pm and matinees on Saturday 20th and 26th February.

They are still looking for more boys to go on stage as part of Fagin's gang and more adults to take part in the chorus.

If you are interested in taking part in this production please contact Simon Woodbridge (07790 882959) or Bob Simpson (01629 629226).

Training

Slough Partnership Training

Slough Community Partnership has produced a training course bulletin covering September - December 2004. The bulletin gives an overview of the wide range of training available in Slough, the majority of which are free to voluntary and community groups, including:

Confident Public Speaking

November 2004 (date to be confirmed)
10.00-4.00pm
Trainer: SCVS
Build confidence in preparing for and speaking in public. The course includes

tips and techniques to help you make effective presentations. Intermediate Level.

Desktop Publishing

10th November 2004
9.30-12.30pm
Trainer: SCVS
Learn how to create more professional publications using Microsoft Publisher, including text layout, designs and logos.

Beginners Computer Basics

17th November 2004 (for 4 weeks)
11.00-1.00pm
Trainer: SCVS

A 4 - week introduction for those with little or no experience.

Interview Techniques - Practical Workshops

7th December 2004
5.00-6.30pm
Trainer: Capacity Building
This course will cover interview techniques through role-play, interview, and dress codes.

If you would like to receive a copy or to book a course, please contact training at Slough Council for Voluntary Service on 01753 524176 or e-mail training@scvs.org.uk

Local News and Opportunities

Paving the way for Art at the Centre



>> Artist, Heather Young, with a team of volunteers, recently used block printing techniques to create a brightly coloured design in the town centre. Art at the Centre, an initiative to revitalise Slough High Street, commissioned a temporary floorscape for the town square.

Decibel's Funding Ambassador

Monika Richards is the funding ambassador for decibel in the South East of England. The Arts Council developed decibel as a short-term project with long-term impact to raise the voice of culturally diverse arts in Britain. Her particular emphasis is to encourage first time applications to the Arts Council in the South East.

BBC Blast Film Tent

The BBC Blast Film Tent at Slough Youth Festival in September showcased many films made by local young people including Innov8 Film & Music's 'Highstreet', SYPC's 'Unknown Ends' and the Rotunda's summer projects '9/11' and 'Abortion'. BBC Blast have previously featured at the festival but this year their tent featured guest speaker Kerry Appleyard, a professional filmmaker, who spoke about her experiences of making a short film and Blossom Carasco who ran practical animation workshops throughout the day.

Further information about BBC Blast is available on their website:
www.bbc.co.uk/blast



>> BBC Blast film tent

decibel 1-2-1 Out-reach Surgery

What: Guidance and advice on applications to Grants for the Arts for individual artists and arts organisations.

When: 25th November 2004

Where: The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough.

Phone: 01273 763042

E-mail:

monika.richards@artscouncil.org.uk

Bhumika

What: Kathak classical dance.

When: Wednesdays from 6.00 to 7.00pm

What: Bollywood dance

When: Thursdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm

Where: Rotunda YCC, Northampton Avenue, Slough

What: Indian music (Harmonium, Vocal and Tabla) workshops

When: Wednesdays from 5.30 to 7.00pm

Where: Church Hall, St. Mary Road, Langley.

Phone: 01753 671964

Mobile: 07949936591

Email: bhumiarts

20042000@yahoo.co.uk

Textile Workshops with Sunanda Reddy

What: Textile design workshop

When: Mondays from 11.30 to 1.30pm

Where: Church Hall, St. Mary's Road, Langley, Slough

Phone: 07956 151498

Email: addco@hotmail.com

Choirs for children

What: Children's Choir

When: Saturdays

Where: Taplow Village Centre

Phone: 01628 661182

Website: www.taplowchoirs.org.uk

What's happening?

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
November				
1	7.30-9.30pm	Slough Writers Group: Summer Diary Competition	The Greyhound Skittle Alley, Eton Wick	01628 661725
2	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: Tears of the Black Tiger(18)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
8	7.30-9.30pm	Slough Writers Group: Manuscript Evening	The Greyhound Skittle Alley, Eton Wick	01628 661725
9	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: I'm Not Scared (15)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
15	7.30-9.30pm	Slough Writers Group Craft: Poetic form - Sonnets with Kathleen Adkins	The Greyhound Skittle Alley, Eton Wick	01628 661725
16	4.30-8.30pm	Creative Horizons: Creative Education Fair	Thames Valley University	
16-17	All day	Creative Horizons: Creative Careers	Thames Valley University	
16	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: The Fog of War (PG)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
22	7.30-9.30pm	Slough Writers Group: Manuscript Evening	The Greyhound Skittle Alley, Eton Wick	01628 661725
23	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: The Return (12A)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
25-27	7.45pm	Colnbrook Amateur Stage Theatre: Snow White and the Seven Dwarves	Village Hall, Vicarage Road, Colnbrook	01753 730120
27	2.00pm	Colnbrook Amateur Stage Theatre: Snow White and the Seven Dwarves	Village Hall, Vicarage Road, Colnbrook	01753 730120
27	6.30-9.00pm	EWCS: Chitran Jan Festival Finale	The West Wing Facility	01753 527824
29	7.30-9.30pm	Slough Writers Group: Article Competition - Results from judge John Jacklin	The Greyhound Skittle Alley, Eton Wick	01628 661725
30	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: The Station Agent (15)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
December				
2-4	7.45pm	Colnbrook Amateur Stage Theatre: Snow White and the Seven Dwarves	Village Hall, Vicarage Road, Colnbrook	01753 730120
4	2.00pm	Colnbrook Amateur Stage Theatre: Snow White and the Seven Dwarves	Village Hall, Vicarage Road, Colnbrook	01753 730120
4	5.00pm	Taplow Choir Concert	St Nicholas Church, Taplow	01628 661182
6	7.30-9.30pm	Slough Writers Group: Christmas Dinner and Disco	The Greyhound Skittle Alley, Eton Wick	01628 661725
7	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: The Barbarian Invasions (18)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
14	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: Uzak (15)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
21	8.30pm	Slough Co-operative Film Society: The Story of the Weeping Camel (U)	UGC Cinema, Slough	01784 434868
22, 23	1.30-3.30pm	Festive Family Fun at Slough Museum	Slough Museum	01753 526422
29, 30	1.30-3.30pm	Festive Family Fun at Slough Museum	Slough Museum	01753 526422
January				
10	7.30-9.30pm	Slough Writers Group: First meeting of Spring Term	The Greyhound Skittle Alley, Eton Wick	01628 661725

>> Useful Websites

www.slough.gov.uk/arts	The new Arts Development website for the arts in Slough
www.sloughmuseum.co.uk	Find out what's happening at your local museum
www.fennerfest.co.uk	Website giving details of a 2-week celebration of the life of Fenner Brockway, pacifist ex-MP for Slough & Eton.

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