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Lakeside Arts to Reopen with Mat Collishaw Exhibition

Lakeside Arts, the University of Nottingham's public art programme is to reopen this weekend since closing its doors in March due to the Coronavirus pandemic. On **Saturday 17 October** Lakeside's Djanogly Gallery will once again welcome visitors to enjoy an exhibition featuring works by the celebrated, Nottingham-born artist Mat Collishaw.

The show is the first major solo exhibition of leading contemporary artist Mat Collishaw (born 1966) in the city of his birth who since graduating from Goldsmith's College in the late 1980s has established an international reputation. Collishaw rose to prominence in the 1990s as one of the defining generation of Young British Artists alongside his contemporaries Damien Hirst and Sarah Lucas. Often drawing on subjects from the history of art and photography, his works play with opposites, revealing the compelling power of imagery to attract and repel as well as to deceive us. Early forms of photography are combined with recent technology such as virtual reality and animatronics, to create works that address the moral dilemmas of the present day. Featuring his 2016 installation *Albion* – a ghostly apparition of the Major Oak – alongside other artworks such as *The Centrifugal Soul*, a modern version of a Victorian zoetrope hinting at our modern-day preoccupation with self-image; this exhibition provides an inspiring contemporary art experience for anyone seeking a much-needed cultural recharge.

To ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all, and in order to comply with the latest Government guidelines, Lakeside is limiting visits to one household per 30-minute timeslot. This means that audiences can pre-book safe in the knowledge that the gallery will be dedicated to them and others in their household – allowing visitors to enjoy their very own private tour of this fabulous exhibition!

The opening of Lakeside's Djanogly Gallery is only the first phase of a gradual reopening that will see the return of performances, workshops and other gallery and museum experiences across Lakeside's multiple venues. Looking ahead, Lakeside will deliver a series of outdoor and online workshops for families and young people through **October half term**, and the University of Nottingham Museum and the Weston Gallery will welcome back heritage loving visitors **from the end of October**. The Museum has twice won Museum of the Year in the Nottinghamshire Heritage Awards and features archaeological artefacts from Nottinghamshire and the wider East Midlands. The Weston Gallery reopens with a much-awaited display honouring Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday, celebrating the founder of modern nursing. This exhibition sheds new light on the Lady with the Lamp, exploring her family roots in Derbyshire, and her work after the Crimean War to improve sanitary conditions in homes. Again, online advanced booking for designated timeslots will be required.

Lakeside's much-loved Pavilion Café is already open and offering a take-away service as are the externally accessed public toilets, frequented by many visitors to the adjacent Highfields Park. While the Djanogly Theatre, Djanogly Recital Hall, Box Office and all other facilities remain closed for now, Lakeside Arts is planning on presenting a limited number of performances, with socially-distanced audiences, **from mid-November**. Further details will be released in due course. For more information, visit lakesidearts.org.uk/visit

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Lakeside Arts Awarded Cultural Recovery Fund Support

Lakeside Arts has been awarded £249,714 as part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund (CRF) to help face the many challenges of the coronavirus pandemic.

Lakeside Arts is one of 1,385 cultural and creative organisations across the country receiving urgently needed support. £257 million of investment has been announced this week as part of the first round of the Culture Recovery Fund grants programme being administered by Arts Council England.

Lakeside's Director, Shona Powell said:

"The Cultural Recovery Fund announcement this week is enormously welcome. Every cultural organisation is determining how best to move forward, how we can find new ways to work with artists, and how best we can maintain audience engagement in a Covid secure environment across the breadth of Lakeside's programming. We hugely miss our audiences and this investment will help us support renewed, innovative, safe and sustainable programme delivery – including exciting new partnerships with venues and artists."

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said:

"This funding is a vital boost for the theatres, music venues, museums and cultural organisations that form the soul of our nation. It will protect these special places, save jobs and help the culture sector's recovery.

"These places and projects are cultural beacons the length and breadth of the country. This unprecedented investment in the arts is proof this government is here for culture, with further support to come in the days and weeks ahead so that the culture sector can bounce back strongly."

Chair, Arts Council England, Sir Nicholas Serota, said:

"Theatres, museums, galleries, dance companies and music venues bring joy to people and life to our cities, towns and villages. This life-changing funding will save thousands of cultural spaces loved by local communities and international audiences. Further funding is still to be announced and we are working hard to support our sector during these challenging times."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Lakeside Arts is the University of Nottingham's public arts centre presenting a programme of visual arts and museum exhibitions, theatre, dance, children and families' productions, workshops as well as a learning programme for everyone. Its venues include the Djanogly Recital Hall which stages concerts by internationally renowned soloists and chamber ensembles; the Djanogly Gallery; the University Museum which has a permanent collection of archaeology covering a period of some 250,000 years; and the Djanogly Theatre presenting UK and international touring work as well as producing and co-producing new theatre and dance. www.lakesidearts.org.uk

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. They have set out their strategic vision in [Let's Create](#) that by 2030 they want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high quality cultural experiences. They invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. www.artscouncil.org.uk

Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million **Emergency Response Package**, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. They are also one of several bodies administering the Government's **Culture Recovery Fund** and unprecedented support package of £1.57 billion for the culture and heritage sector. Find out more at www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19

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Mat Collishaw, *Albion*, 2017, Courtesy the artist, Photo Peter Mallet

