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## **From Lakeside Arts to Your Home**

**Online concerts, talks and cultural celebrations live streaming in February and March**

Whilst its doors necessarily remain closed, the team at Lakeside Arts, University of Nottingham, have been determinedly beavering away to find new ways to bring a little joy to communities across Nottingham and beyond.

Lakeside has teamed up with colleagues at the Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall to present a series of online concerts with internationally acclaimed musicians from the acoustically acclaimed Djanogly Recital Hall. The impressive line-up includes acclaimed violinist Rachel Podger (15 February), the experimental Manchester Collective with guest soprano Ruby Hughes (21 February), and South African cellist Abel Selaocoe (11 March). Lakeside is also delighted to host the online album launch of the kora player and griot Sura Susso on 19 March in its Djanogly Theatre. Each performance is being presented live or as live, with bookers able to stream concerts for between 7 and 10 days afterwards.

Since 2005 Chinese New Year has featured as a key event in Lakeside's cultural calendar, and this year it is working with Nottingham Confucius Institute to present an online celebration to herald the arrival of the Year of the Ox. The programme launches on New Year's Eve, 11 February, and will be available until 26 February. Suitable for people of all ages, the programme includes fabulous contributions from the University's sister campuses including traditional dance and tai chi from students and staff in China and a 24-strong drumming spectacular from Malaysia. The online celebration also includes contributions by talented regional and national artists. Enjoy music by renowned guitarist Xuefei Yang, marvellous erhu player Ling Peng, the hugely talented Dans Chinese Dance family plus cookery with Lan's Recipes, brush painting with Feng-Ru Lee and magical face changing with Shuai Zhao. Rong Tao, the Chongqing-based choreographer who has previously been resident at Lakeside over many years, has this year sent a digital contribution from YuWu Dance Company. Tickets are free, however donations are encouraged with all proceeds going to the Nottingham Hospitals Charity's 'Help Your Hospital Appeal'.

In addition to performances, Lakeside is presenting a series of online talks. Starting on Friday 5 February, Nottingham-born artist Mat Collishaw is joined by fellow artist and friend, Mustafa Hulusi. Those virtually present will discover more about Collishaw's life, career and creative processes as the two discuss some of the wider ideas and issues at play in his extraordinary body of works. Mat Collishaw's solo exhibition opened in Lakeside's Djanogly Gallery a few short days before the March 2020 lockdown. In addition to this 'in conversation' event, Lakeside is also presenting a series of insightful behind the scenes videos with the artist to introduce audiences to his ambitious collection of works.

*More follows...*

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Lakeside is proud to be part of the University of Nottingham's inaugural Diversity Festival in March. As part of the Festival, on 9 March Lakeside will digitally host an online in conversation event between artist, Perminder Kaur, and artist, curator and art historian, Eddie Chambers, about diversity, their careers and creative processes. This is preceded on 17 February by another in conversation event between Neil Walker, Head of Visual Arts Programming, Lakeside Arts, and writer, poet and the first UK appointed Chair of Gay & Lesbian Studies, Emeritus Professor Gregory Woods of Nottingham Trent University as part of LGBT+ History Month 2021.

For families, M6 Theatre Company's beautiful short film *When We Started Singing* will become available on 13 March (for up to one week) and is guaranteed to warm the cockles of every heart!

All of these events have been made possible through a grant from the Cultural Recovery Fund from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

More information about all of these events and other online activities is available at: [lakesidearts.org.uk](https://lakesidearts.org.uk)

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Lakeside Arts Website: [lakesidearts.org.uk](https://lakesidearts.org.uk)

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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. [lakesidearts.org.uk](https://lakesidearts.org.uk)

The **Nottingham Confucius Institute** (NCI) at the University of Nottingham was established in 2007 after the signing of the Confucius Institute Agreement between the University and the Office of Chinese Language Council International (also known as Hanban). The principal remit of NCI is to develop and enhance educational, economic and cultural links between the UK and China. The NCI is located at the Si Yuan Centre of the University's Jubilee Campus. It was awarded Model Confucius Institute Status in 2015 by Hanban in recognition of its achievements in promoting better understanding of Chinese culture and contemporary China through language programmes, outreach activities and community engagement.

## Images:



*Dans Chinese Dance*



*Manchester Collective at the Soutbank Centre  
Photo by Vic Frankowski*

## Event Listings:

Mat Collishaw in conversation with Mustafa Hulusi  
Friday 5 February, 2pm

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/exhibitions/event/5421/mat-collishaw-in-conversation-with-mustafa-hulusi.html>

Chinese New Year Celebrations 2021  
Thursday 11 February - Friday 26 February

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/special-events/event/5419/chinese-new-year-gala.html>

Live @Lakeside: Rachel Podger (violin)  
Pre-Recorded Performance: Monday 15 February, 7pm  
Available to book and watch until Monday 22 February (inclusive)

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/music/event/5413/live-lakeside-rachel-podger-violin.html>

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In Conversation with Professor Gregory Woods

Wednesday 17 February, 1pm

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/special-events/event/5417/in-conversation-with-professor-gregory-woods.html>

Live @Lakeside: Manchester Collection with guest Ruby Hughes (soprano)

Live Performance: Sunday 21 February, 3pm

Available to book and watch until Sunday 28 February (inclusive)

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/music/event/5416/live-lakeside-manchester-collective.html>

Artist Permindar Kaur in conversation with Eddie Chambers

Tuesday 09 March, 2pm

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/special-events/event/5420/artist-permindar-kaur-in-conversation-with-eddie-chambers.html>

Like @Lakeside: Abel Selaocoe

Live Performance: Thursday 11 March, 7pm

Available to book and watch until Sunday 21 March (inclusive)

<https://www.lakesidearts.org.uk/music/event/5415/live-lakeside-abel-selaocoe.html>

When We Started Singing

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 March

*Not yet online*