



Newsletter

January 2021

Venues Update

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you enjoyed the Festive period.

In line with Scottish Government's current guidance the Art Gallery and our museums are closed until further notice.

We will keep everyone informed of when we can reopen our venues again and very much look forward to welcoming you back in person.

Whilst closed you can still browse our collections and our Museum From Home page at www.aagm.co.uk

NAME CHANGE!

You may have noticed that we recently changed our name – originally named Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums – we have rebranded to now be known as Aberdeen Archives, Gallery and Museums.

This accurately displays the breadth of AAGM as a team, our collections and services.

John Byrne

Before Christmas we were able to have John Byrne - one of Scotland's most highly-regarded artists – recognised on our donor wall as a Founder Patron.

During the redevelopment of Aberdeen Art Gallery, John kindly donated limited edition prints to the project. The three-colour screenprint titled 'E St' features a bold portrait head against a mythical New York streetscape.

We now have only 4 prints left to sell, by donating £400 you can receive one of these remaining prints (unframed).

Please contact our Development Officer, Rowan Stewart, for more details at AAGMSupport-Us@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Civic Trust Awards 2021

Aberdeen Art Gallery have been selected as one of 40 successful National/International projects for the Civic Trust Awards 2021 and we will receive either an Award or be Highly Commended at this year's virtual show in March.

Full list of winners can be viewed here: https://www.civictrustawards.org.uk/uploads/2021_Winners.pdf

Adopt An Artwork

We have added more artwork available for 'adoption' to this campaign. Including artworks shown in images below.

Please check our website to see which artworks are still available: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/support-us/ways-support/adopt-artwork>



The Quay, Dieppe by Christopher Wood



Tetuan by James McBey

The Many Faces of James Giles Online Exhibition

October last year, was the 150th anniversary of acclaimed artist, James Giles' death. Best known for his Scottish Highland landscapes, he was a truly gifted and celebrated painter.

We are delighted to bring an online exhibition to commemorate his life and career. As part of the exhibition we also have 3 blogs by guest contributors, who share their personal connections and appreciation for the artist.

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/whats-aberdeens-art-galleries-and-museums/many-faces-james-giles-online>

Kitchen Ceilidh with Danse McCabre

Celebrate Robert Burns with your household on Sunday 24th January 3-4pm.

Led by Aberdeen's all-female ceilidh band, Danse McCabre, and mixing live calling with film footage and original audio, this unique event will get you dancing at home, tapping your toes or simply enjoying the music. With dances especially for smaller spaces and limited numbers and some seated options, we hope that everyone can participate in their own way. Clear a space, turn up your speakers and enjoy!

Click here to join the Kitchen Ceilidh on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85256348807?pwd=WVRndkhpM1ZhUkltQmtlelVacGdBdz09>



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Granite Noir is going online!

Granite Noir – Aberdeen's crime writing festival – will be returning this year for its first virtual series between 19-21 February.

Our City Archivist, Philip Ashley, will be holding a talk during the festival to discuss our Criminal Portraits blog on Sunday 21st February 12:30-2pm.

The blog is dedicated to showcasing the captivating collection of criminal 'mugshots' held by Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives.

Read more about the blog here:
<https://criminalportraits.blogspot.com/2021/01/>



Micro-Commissions

Last year, Aberdeen Art Gallery was chosen as one of the five lucky winners of the prestigious Art Fund Museum of the Year award. We will equally share the £200,000 award, which is based on our achievements in 2019 - 20.

We decided to share our award with Aberdeen's creative community. Inviting creative practitioners with AB postcodes to submit proposals for micro-commissions to make new work that responds to the collection through

explorations of identity, intersectionality and representation.

Split into 2 rounds, Round 1 is now closed. Round 2 will open on Monday 5th April and close Sunday 9th May 2021. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying and in advance of Round 2 please click the link for more information:
<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/about-us/opportunities>



Our Aberdeen: Journey up the coast

All aboard our virtual vessel! Join us on Wednesday 27th January 2-3.30pm.

Enjoy a journey up the north-east coast from Catterline to Peterhead, looking at objects and artworks (online) from our collections along the way.
<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/AAGM/whats-aberdeens-art-galleries-and-museums/our-aberdeens-journey-coast>

