

## Journeys with 'The Waste Land'

A visual response for Coventry to T.S. Eliot's poem

The Waste Land is a major work of 20th century literature, written by T.S. Eliot in 1921 in the aftermath of the First World War. Journeys with 'The Waste Land' is an exhibition led by independent curator, Michael Tooby, and organised by the Mead in collaboration with Turner Contemporary in Margate and the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum. This exhibition explores the contemporary significance of T.S. Eliot's seminal poem and the way it has resonated with artists over the years. FREE ADMISSION



18 November

Sunday



The works selected for exhibition have been researched by a group of volunteers drawn from the Coventry area and include historical and contemporary works by artists including Peter Blake, Jacob Epstein, Elisabeth Frink, RB Kitaj, Percy Wyndham Lewis, Paul Nash, George Shaw, John Stezaker, Graham Sutherland and JMW Turner. Through these works, the exhibition explores themes within Eliot's poem of journeys and fragmentation. The selection also makes reference to Coventry's history as a city fragmented by, and rebuilt upon, the ruins of war.

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EXHIBITION EVENTS

## **OFFICIAL EXHIBITION EVENTS**

For further information on Herbert Art Gallery & Museum events, please visit theherbert.org

**Igers Coventry Waste Land Instameet** Sun 9 September, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Performed Reading of 'The Waste Land' Fri 14 September, 6.30pm – 7.00pm (Doors 6.00pm) Coventry Cathedral

HERBERT ILLUMINATIONS: Mapping 'The Waste Land' Tue 18 September, 12.30pm – 1.30pm

IOU THEATRE: Rear View at Coventry Festival of Imagineers Thu 20 – Sat 22 September Starts at Swift Centre, Coventry Transport Museum

Waste Time (a do) Sun 23 September, 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Pecha Kucha Coventry: Wasted Thu 4 October, 7.30pm – 11.00pm (doors 7.00pm)

Sketch Coventry Sat 13 October, 10.30am – 3.30pm

**Illustrated talk by Martin Rowson** Sat 20 October, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

HOPE AND RAINCOATS: A Poetry Extravaganza Sat 3 November, 2.00pm – 3.15pm

PROFESSOR MIKE TOOBY: Walking Beside You: Collaboration and Participation in Journeys with 'The Waste Land' Thu 15 November, 2.00pm

## **FRINGE EVENTS**

Fringe events are independent events inspired by the *Journeys with 'The Waste Land'* exhibition.

For further information on fringe events, visit: journeyswiththewastelandcoventry.com

WARWICK WORDS HISTORY FESTIVAL:

Eliot and World War One: A New Take on the Drowned Phoenician Sailor With Susannah Heffernan Tue 2 October, 11.00am Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick

Fire and Dust Open Mic Thu 4 October, Thu 1 November, Thu 6 December 7.30pm

The Big Comfy Bookshop, Fargo Village **The Visuality of Text** Sat 20 October, 10.00am – 6.00pm University of Warwick

LEAMINGTON STUDIO ARTISTS: Response to 'The Waste Land' Wed 31 October – Sun 25 November East Lodge Gallery, Leamington Spa

VOXBOX: 'Then spoke the thunder': A musical exploration of 'The Waste Land' Mon 29 October Birmingham Conservatoire

COVENTRY ON FILM: From 'a heap of broken images' Fri 9 November, 7.30pm Warwick Arts Centre

Poetry Open Mic Night Wed 14 November, 7.30pm (7pm registration) Shakespeare Centre, Stratford-upon-Avon

HURRY UP PLEASE ITS TIME! Our Journey's Ended! Celebration! Sun 25 November, 6.00pm Episode Hotel, Learnington Spa