

Nottingham
Contemporary



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Where Art Connects

Contemporary art can capture imaginations, challenge thinking and encourage conversations. It can help us better understand the world and offers exciting routes into learning across the curriculum. Our programme has strong local connections, and we're keen to connect with you. Take a look at our offer for schools and colleges and our exciting international exhibitions over the year ahead.

Dala Nasser

7 Feb - 10 May

Dala uses natural pigments and processes of soaking, rubbing and burying fabric to share the history of a land through direct contact with it. A new sculptural and sonic artwork across two galleries will honor artists and writers who fought for freedom in Western Asia.

Shahana Rajani

7 Feb - 10 May

Shahana documents practices of drawing and mark making used by fishing communities of the Indus River delta in Pakistan, to honour and memorialise their sacred sites and relationships with the land, river and sea.

Chico da Silva

6 Jun - 6 Sep

Chico's paintings are a glimpse into a cosmology fuelled by the artist's imagination, mythology and folklore. Depicting fantastical creatures painted in vivid colour, Chico's works call attention to the interconnectedness of everything.

Augustas Serapinas

6 Jun - 6 Sep

Augustas' work reimagines spaces to reveal and challenge social norms. Reflecting on his experience as an art student within a traditional system that emphasised practice and repetition, he transforms the gallery into a functioning gym and art school.

Sarah Cunningham

3 Oct - 11 Jan

We present Sarah's first institutional solo exhibition and a deeply meaningful homecoming of her work to the city where she grew up. Painting at night and in dreamlike states, Sarah's imaginary landscapes and wildernesses act as portals to other worlds that speak to the connections between humans and nature.

Julia Isídrez

3 Oct - 11 Jan

Julia creates clay sculptures rooted in her Guaraní Indigenous ceramic traditions. Her fantastical creatures resonate with both folklore and contemporary cultural debates.

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1. Dala Nasser, *Adonis River*, installation view at the Renaissance Society, 2023. Image courtesy of the artist and Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago. Photo by Bob.
2. Augustas Serapinas, *Physical culture*, installation view. Contemporary Art Centre (CAC) Vilnius, 2025. Photo: Jonas Balsevičius.
3. Shahana Rajani, Still from *Four Acts of Recovery*, 2025. Courtesy Shahana Rajani.
4. Sarah Cunningham, *Every Hour Flowing*, 2022.



Chico da Silva (Francisco Domingos da Silva), *Sem título [Untitled]*, 1968. Photo: Ding Musa | Courtesy Galatea



Visit us for free

Bring your students and explore our galleries for free. We can help you plan your visit. Borrow a Resource Box filled with ideas and activities to support learning and connect students with the themes in our exhibitions.

Work with an artist

Our artists can tailor workshops to the needs of your group, supporting students to explore the galleries, share ideas and develop their own creative work. We warmly welcome students of all ages, interests and abilities. Artist-experience workshops are £180 for one class or £300 for two artists and two classes.

To find out more, arrange a visit or to explore how we can work together, contact us on: **0115 9489750**
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For teachers

Join our free gallery CPD events for teachers and tutors. Our artists will share creative ideas for visits and for the classroom. Ask about artist workshops as part of a training day or a twilight session. Our team are experienced in supporting Arts Award, Artsmark and curriculum development.

For young people

We have events and workshops for young people aged 15–25 years to explore creative practice and pathways into the arts. Each year we work with cultural partners across the city to deliver a week-long programme of work experience for Year 10 and 12 students.

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