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OF SURREALISM IN LEEDS

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An outbreak of surrealism at Leeds Arts University as former student returns for latest exhibition

Glen Baxter: Unhinged in Hunslet
01 March - 11 April 2019
Vernon Street Gallery

Opening event: Thursday 28 February, 5-7pm

Leeds Arts University's latest exhibition celebrates the work of former student and renowned surrealist artist Glen Baxter. The exhibition will open on Friday 1 March at the Vernon Street Gallery.

Born in Leeds, Glen Baxter (b.1944) is a London-based surrealist artist who studied at Leeds Arts University from 1960-65. He is widely recognised for his humorous and witty narrative art forms exploring nonsense and pulp fiction with themes including scout camp, vegan catering, and Western imagery.

His first exhibition took place in the historical avant-garde hub of Gotham Book Mart in New York, and major exhibitions since have been held in San Francisco, London, Munich, Tokyo, Sydney and most recently in Paris. His work is in the collections of the Tate, V&A Museum in London and numerous museums and private collections around the world.

The exhibition will also include an artist talk from Glen Baxter about his time growing up in Leeds. The talk will take place at Vernon Street on Friday 1 March from 11am-12pm. Entry is free and booking is not required.

This is Baxter's first exhibition in Leeds and the University is delighted to welcome him back to celebrate his career. This exhibition is being curated by Dr Catriona McAra with support from Flowers Gallery.

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Editor's Notes

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Glen Baxter: Unhinged in Hunslet will run from **1 March February-11 April** at the Vernon Street Gallery, Leeds Arts University, Blenheim Walk, Leeds, LS2 9AQ.

Artist's talk: Friday 1 March 11am-12pm

Entry is free and booking is not required.

Opening night: Thursday 28 February 5-7pm

Free entry. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. Booking not required.

The University is grateful to Flowers Gallery for their support.

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Leeds Arts University

Founded in 1846 as the Leeds Government School of Art and Design, Leeds Arts University (formerly Leeds College of Art) has contributed significantly to the development of art education in Britain and across the world. In 2016 the University was granted Taught Degree Awarding Powers, and in 2017 was awarded full university status.

Leeds Arts University has been previously recognised for its industry-standard facilities at the Whatuni awards (winners in 2014 and 2016, runner up 2017), is the highest ranked specialist arts university in the UK for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2018, and the number one University for Design & Crafts in the Guardian University League Table 2019.

The University has recently opened £22m state-of-the-art building expansion at the Blenheim Walk site which includes a 230-seat performance auditorium and industry standard film and photography studios. The building will house the growing portfolio of opportunities for postgraduate study at Leeds Arts University, with a larger specialist arts research and reference library and a new postgraduate study suite.