



Press Release

Leeds Arts University's Big Big Big Show returns after three years

Our Big Big Big Show
7 - 11 June 2022

Leeds Arts University launches the Big Big Big Show 2022, showcasing the work of talented graduating students in-person for the first time in three years.

Featuring works of contemporary art, animation, illustration, graphic design, film, fashion, textiles, creative advertising, music, photography and writing, from across fifteen undergraduate courses, the University is delighted to present the work in a physical exhibition held at Blenheim Walk for the first time since 2019. Students from across the University's further education courses will also be showcasing their work at the Vernon Street campus.

The undergraduate show will also feature a catwalk event produced by BA (Hons) Fashion Design students, and a live concert performed by BMus (Hons) Popular Music Performance students. A range of artwork including jewellery, prints and textiles will be available to purchase at the student-run Art Market, open at the Blenheim Walk campus for the duration of the exhibition.

Professor Simone Wonnacott, Vice-Chancellor, said: *"We are delighted to be able to showcase our students' work in person this year. It has been a challenging few years for our graduating students but we are all incredibly proud of how they have been able to adapt to an ever-changing situation.*

"The work on show is testament to their commitment and innovation and we can't wait for a live audience to see it."

The 2022 show branding was designed by final year BA (Hons) Illustration student Guy Parsons who said:

"Most of us exhibiting in this year's show have never experienced an end of year exhibition at Leeds Arts University before. Whilst already being an important part of our education here, pair that with the fact this is the first in-person show for three years; this one feels big. My rationale behind the wording and design is very simple, for us being able to hold this show means a lot to everyone involved."

The undergraduate show runs from 7 - 11 June at Blenheim Walk. The further education show runs from 6 - 11 June at Vernon Street. More information, including full opening hours can be found at www.leeds-art.ac.uk/our-big-show.

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Press are invited to attend the following:

Our Big Big Big Fashion Show

Thursday 9 June, 4 - 5:45pm or 6 - 7:45pm

Our Big Big Big Music Show

Saturday 11 June, 2 - 4pm

Our Big Big Big Show Private View

Friday 10 June, 5 - 8pm

All events take place at Leeds Arts University, Blenheim Walk campus. The fashion show and private view events include a drinks reception.

Please contact sophie.millerwallace@leeds-art.ac.uk if you would like to attend any of the events.

Listings information:

Our Big Big Big Show

Undergraduate exhibition

7 - 11 June 2022

Blenheim Walk, Leeds Arts University, LS2 9AQ

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Further education exhibition

6 - 11 June 2022

Vernon Street, Leeds Arts University, LS2 8PH

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Image: Our Big Big Big Show, designed by BA (Hons) Illustration student Guy Parsons.

Leeds Arts University

Founded in 1846 as the Leeds Government School of Art and Design, Leeds Arts University 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, making it the only specialist arts university in the North of England.

Leeds Arts University has been recognised for its industry-standard facilities at the Whatuni awards (winners in 2019 and 2016, runner up in 2020), and was announced winner for Student Support in 2020. In 2021 Leeds Arts University appointed acclaimed musician Skin to the role of Chancellor.