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Laimonis Mierins Exhibition at Leeds College of Art

13th March to 17th April 2015 at Vernon Street Gallery, Leeds, LS2 8PH

An exhibition of work by artist and Leeds College of Art student, tutor and much loved local Leeds figure, Laimonis Mierins (1929-2011), goes on show in this retrospective exhibition celebrating his diverse art work.

The exhibition, to be held in the building where he studied and taught, will show a range of abstract paintings, drawings, prints and photographs from the 1940s up until his death in 2011. Some of his work will be available to purchase. The exhibition opening night coincides with what would have been his 86th birthday.

Mierins taught at Leeds College of Art from 1965-1994. Within this period he taught Leigh Francis AKA comedy icon Keith Lemon. Mierins was the inspiration behind Leigh Francis' 'Avid Merrion' character in the popular Bo' Selecta television sketch show.

Mierins exhibited his work widely, including a major retrospective exhibition held at the Riga Gallery in 2005. His work is also held in many private collections.

Press Invite

Press are invited to Vernon Street Gallery (next to Leeds City Museum), Private View on **Thursday 12 March 2015, 17.00-19.00**. There will be refreshments, music and special treats to celebrate the opening. Mierins' widow will also be present on the evening.

If you'd like to attend please **RSVP** to: Emma Morris at emma.morris@leeds-art.ac.uk or call 0113 202 8044.

Editor's Notes

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[More info about the exhibition here](#)

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