Stoke Art Map Launch

The first Stoke Art Map! Celebrating the arts in Stoke, with a grand launch of ACAVA Studios: Spode Works [1] and the Spode Rose Garden by Airspace Gallery, and a day of activities hosted by excellent venues around the town of Stoke.

The Stoke Art Map event sees the launch of a three-month artist’s residency based at the former Spode Factory exploring the nature of creative ‘work’ in a changing city, with an exhibition in early 2017.

Saturday 24th September 12.00-21.00

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Official opening of the Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway, at 12.30 followed by music, food and other activities during the afternoon.

13.15
Opening of ACAVA Studios: Spode Works, with guided tour from the Rose Garden through the Lower China Halls led by Alan Shenton. Exhibition by artists in ACAVA Studios and resident artist Nicola Winstanley —ACAVA Studios exhibition space, Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ.

12.00-18.00 Activities throughout Stoke Town:

ACAVA Studios: Spode Works—Open Studios 12.00-18.00 Saturday & Sunday
Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST4 1QQ The new artists and creative practitioners based at ACAVA Studios: Spode Works will open their studios to the public over the weekend and host an exhibition in the studios’ exhibition space. All welcome to come and meet the artists and see the work they are doing.

Access Radio 12.00-18.00
Majestic Studios, 16-18 South Wolfe Street, ST4 4AB
Stoke Art Map on the Radio—Access Radio will be at the studios and out-and-about recording vox pops, short interviews and the sounds of the day. From this they’ll be making a short audio piece to celebrate the event which will be aired on their internet radio station, www.accessradio.biz [2]. You can be part of it too by popping into the studios to say, ‘Hello!’.

B-Arts: Bread In Common 11.00-16.00
72 Hartshill Road, ST4 7RB
Harvest- Family Recipe Swap, workshop and live real cooking event: seasonal jam and pickle making, sourdough bread in action. Free tasters, try-outs and recipes. Bring in and share your family recipe books—swap and share the recipes, live and on social media and even try something out. Suitable for families and all ages. Pop in and say hello!

Art Stop Stoke 12.00-16.00
108 Church Street, ST4 1BU
Small Print Exhibition and Printing Workshop with The Cultural Sisters and Letting in the Light at the Art Stop—free and open to the public, all ages welcome. The Art Stop will be open for visitors from 12.00-16.00

British Ceramics Biennial Studio 12.00-16.00
Lower China Hall, Spode Works, Elenora Street ST4 1QQ
Clay workshops: drop in activities using clay led by The Clay Comrades. Come and hear about the ceramics studio, and meet some of the artists working with clay in the Spode Factory. Open to all!
Present Workshops 12.00-16.00
Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway
Live-screen printing along with mini practitioner-led workshops—members of the public can learn how to screen print onto garments and purchase pre-designed t-shirts and tote bags and even hand-pull the prints themselves! Workshops are free, garments come at a small cost and appeals to a wide range of ages and people, suitable for children and adults aged 10—60.

Valentines Curious Closet 10.00-17.30
65 Church Street ST4 1DQ
The ‘Books are Brill’ exhibition by Staffordshire based artist Sam Mace, plus poetry performances throughout the day, leaking out onto the streets of the town.

Friends of Spode Rose Garden & AirSpace Gallery 12.00-16.00
Spode Rose Garden, Kingsway
Official Launch of the Spode Rose Garden. Opening celebration and ribbon cutting at 12.30, participatory activities and gardening know how from 12.00-16.00, and a pop up tea room with cake and other delights, hear about the project and celebrate this demonstration of people power.

Majestic Studios 12.00-19.00
6 South Wolfe Street, ST4 4AB
Open Studios, Exhibition and Art Lunch—Majestic Studios will be open to the public with the resident artists being invited to share their work. Small Print exhibition will be displayed, plus a special Art Lunch, in the form of a unique Bistro event. Explore the building’s interesting history— it has been a cinema, dance hall, post office and radio venue. Share your stories about the building’s history during the day.

Pilgrim’s Pit 12.00-18.00
114 Church Street, ST4 1BU
A community arts hub and cafe, a space for creation, collaboration, production, discussion and imagination. A curated open mic event with scratch performance, music and poetry by local practitioners will be taking place as part of the day.

Spode Works Museum 12.00-18.00
Spode Works, Elenora Street, ST 41QQ
Open to the public, demonstrations of a working print transfer press, tours of Spode Works site and museum.

18.00-21.00 Celebration Gathering
ACAVA Studios: Spode Works Elenora Street ST4 1QQ. Free but booking essential! Eventbrite - [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

Useful Links:


ACAVA: [www.acava.org](http://www.acava.org) and [www.acavaspodeworks.org](http://www.acavaspodeworks.org)

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/stokeartmap/](https://www.facebook.com/stokeartmap/)


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