Whitworth Weekending

Fri 30 Aug_Sun 1 Sept

Whitworth Weekending celebrates the last days of Whitworth Art Gallery as we know it, before we close to extend and transform the gallery. This three-day event in the park, packed with things to do and see, is our way of saying thank you to everyone who makes the Whitworth what it is.

Come and help us make this a farewell to remember.

#WhitworthWeekending

FREE

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Z-Arts

And to our dedicated team of staff, practitioners

and volunteers!

Whitworth weekending... where good odd things happen. Admission Free

Opening Times

Friday_30 August: 4-11pm

Saturday_31 August: 10am-11pm Sunday_1 September: 12noon-late www.manchester.ac.uk/whitworth



Music Stage

The Best of After Hours

Friday 7-10.45pm

Our live programme hosts the return of some of the best of the Whitworth's *After Hours* sessions.

7pm Denis Jones 7.45pm We Are Willow 8.15pm Samson and Delilah

9pm Acid Brass 10pm Tokolosh

Band on the Wall in Whitworth Park

Saturday 12.30-9.45pm

Mancunian institution, *Band on the Wall*, join us with a stunning line-up of sounds from around the world.

12.30pm Z-Arts: Sat'dy Allsorts

2.30pm La Tinto Bros
4pm Zoe Chiotis
5.30pm Serge Tebu
7pm T & Latouche
8.45pm OQuadro

And in the gallery...

Saturday & Sunday 12.30pm

Gina Miller Concerts – Classical music brought to you by the Friends of the Whitworth, with performances by Dave Bainbridge, Brillante Brass and Emma Smith.

Headliners

Acid Brass: Friday 9pm

Jeremy Deller's collaboration with Stockport's Fairey Band reinvented what a brass band could do, fusing traditional numbers with Acid House themes. On Friday night the band takes over Whitworth Art Gallery in a way you might not expect, for a thrilling headline performance.

Whitworth Wonder: Saturday 9.45pm

Manchester School of Samba leads a procession to the Whitworth building where fire, light and sound come together in spectacular fashion. Master choreographers, Two Tigers Fireworks, bring an explosive end to Saturday's celebrations.

Six White Horses: Sunday 6pm-midnight

Whitworth Weekending is brought to a close with a new work by Nick Crowe and Ian Rawlinson. Six White Horses will be enchanting, beautiful and elegiac. A fitting goodbye for now.

Art in the Park

Good, odd things... Saturday 10am-6pm Sunday 12-4pm.

Genesis Reborn_Lucy Burscough will be working with willow to recreate Jacob Epstein's remarkable sculpture, *Genesis*. Lend your hand to her creation and witness the growth of this gigantic communal artwork.

Taking Flight_Work with interference-artist Harriet Hall to create a growing fleet of paper planes and kites.

Art Allotment_Manchester School of Art's out-of-the-ordinary allotment sits alongside a garden shed filled with memories of Whitworth Park. Step inside and share your stories.

I LOVE YOU_On Saturday visual artist Muzamil Choudhury will re-create Sir Peter Blake's *I Love You* – one of the Whitworth's most treasured artworks – out of the foods, spices and fabrics found in nearby Rusholme.

Charcoal on Cotton_Join fine artist Luke Adamson as sheets of cotton are stretched and bound between the trees to create a vast canvas. What will you draw?

Food and Stalls

On Saturday Manchester Craft Mafia will be selling maverick craft products from the best of Manchester's designers. All weekend there will also be fantastic food from the likes of Barnhouse Bistro, Chaat Cart and Ginger's Comfort Emporium.

The Living Room

This is the perfect space in the park to rest a while (and recharge your batteries).

Friday

Film Showing, 4pm_Kick back and relax with film footage from the Whitworth's archives, including *We Face Forward* and *Marina Abramović Presents...*

Saturday

Textiles in Flow 10am-6pm_Textile artist Gemma Latham invites you to build up woven patterns to create a work about interconnecting memories.

Performances

Sura Susso, 2pm_Experience a true master Kora musician bringing sounds from West Africa.

Elmi Ali, 3pm_Ali will captivate you with the richness of his language, drawing on his Somali oral tradition.

Tony Curry, 4pm_*Tall Tales for Tall Men Who Fall Well Short.* Rhythmic performance poetry.

LyriCalligraphy, 5pm_Rapper, beat-boxer, poet: this performer's lyricism will provoke thought and entertain.

Chanje Kunda, 6pm_Founder of *Afrique Performs,* Kunde's infectious passion for poetry performance changes lives. 'Our job as poets is to tell the truth and make it beautiful.'

The Play Room

Drop in over the weekend to see what fantastic things there are to make and do. We're open Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 12-4pm.

DIY art_Create anything from floor-art to giant sculptures.

Art Baby_A sensory play area especially designed for babies before they learn to walk. Drop in anytime from 12 noon.

Clay Creations_Get messy making mythical forest creatures to hide around the park.

Painting with Nature_Make a paintbrush with sticks, twigs, and leaves and create your own masterpiece.

Colourful Sundays_On Sunday join friends and family for a fun, arty picnic in the park.

Printing in the Park_On Sunday join printmaker, Alan Birch, and create a print inspired by the great outdoors.

And nearby in the park...

Manchester Museum Spider Web_See the giant spider web in the trees and create minibeasts to live on it.

Forest Forts and Den Building_On Saturday join Paupers Wood Forest School under the weeping willow to make shelters out of natural materials.

Video Jam, 7.30pm_Unique combination of sound and vision; contemporary silent films meet live music accompaniment.

Sunday

One Big Sunday Lunch, 12 noon_Bring and share your Sunday lunch with friends old and new, as our Living Room becomes a Dining Room. There will also be performances from Manchester Camerata and Open Voice Community Choir.

The Chat Room

Join the conversation Saturday & Sunday

Aged 15-25 and starting to imagine a new artistic community? Whitworth Art Gallery is delivering *Circuit*, a national initiative to give young people more opportunities in the visual arts. Come and say what's on your mind.

Creating Soundscapes, Saturday and Sunday, 2pm & 4pm Come and work with audio artist Jason Singh. Using your conversations as raw materials you will transform your ideas into an entrancing soundscape.

Jason Singh performs Saturday & Sunday, 6.30pm