

PORTSMOUTH ARTISTS AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY

Exciting news this year as not one, but two Hotwalls Studios artists had their work accepted in the Royal Academy's Summer Show.

Sadie Tierney of Studio 10 had two of her pieces featured, whilst *Karl Rudziak* of Studio 4 had one piece from his ongoing project *We Don't Need Culture*. The two artists enjoyed Varnishing Day at the RA together which was captured on the Hotwalls Instagram account through Sadie's 'Instagram Takeover'.

The exhibition this year celebrates the Royal Academy's 250th annual celebration. Coordinated by Grayson Perry, a graduate of Portsmouth Polytechnic in 1982, it is a showcase of all things bright whilst validating a significant link to the city of Portsmouth.

The show is on until the 19th August so make sure you take an opportunity to have a look if you can. All details can be found at www.royalacademy.org.uk.



Sadie Tierney □ Studio 5 □ Royal Academy

LOOKING AFTER OUR HOTWALLS STUDIOS

This year we are making a conscious decision as a cultural community to take care of the environment around us.

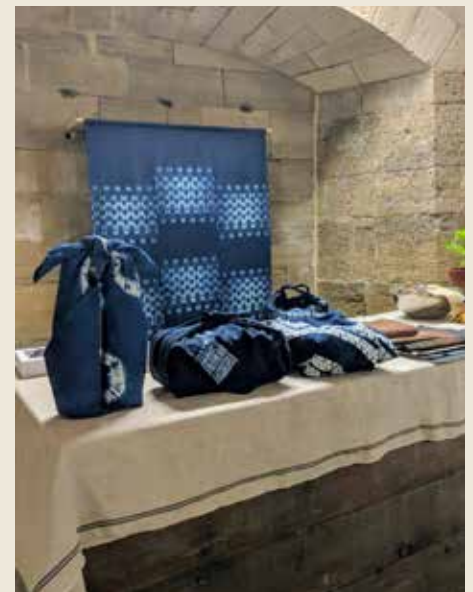
We are lucky to have such a beautiful space to work and appreciate at the Hotwalls Studios. It is important that we work together as a community to both appreciate preserve and protect it.

In light of this we have hosted Portsmouth Green Drinks for a July

artist special inside the Round Tower, where two of the Hotwalls Artists (*Alex Hagen* of Refold and *Kim Edith*) provided talks on their work, its sustainability and promotion of the environment.

On the 18th of August the Studios will also be hosting a Beach Clean with support from Colas. Come and join us for a fun filled morning on the beach caring for where we live.

Aspex Gallery will also be making a guest appearance with their outreach van on the Hotwalls Parade Ground offering some exciting recycling-inspired creative workshops. A fun day out for the whole family!



Alex Hagen □ Round Tower

NEW DESIGNER-MAKER

It is with great pleasure that The Hotwalls Studios can announce the arrival of our newest artist in Studio 8- Miesje Chafer!

Miesje specialises in working with fabrics and textiles. She brings with her a splash of colour in her bright and bold work! Miesje's process involves hand screen printing on a variety of materials such as cotton, silk, linen, leather and sometimes neoprene when she is feeling adventurous.

There is a beauty in the design, quality and functionality of what Miesje creates. With products ranging from lampshades, purses and reusable shopping bags she brings another dynamic to the creative talent already present amongst her neighbouring artists and designer-makers from Studios 1-13.

Miesje explains how she has always possessed a love of textiles. She says 'from a young age I used to knit terrible scarves full of holes... now I am fortunate enough to make a living from fabric'.

Please do drop into Studio 8 next time you are in the area and see for yourself Miesje's bright creations!

THE ROUND TOWER

With our new Hotwalls Studios Events Apprentice on board, the Round Tower is set to have a series of exciting events take place.

Already we have seen The Traders Keep third monthly artisan market set up inside the Round Tower alongside the artist's Open Studios. With an exhibition and hosting of a community talk, the endless possibilities of this fascinating historic structure are just beginning to reveal themselves.

We've already got some exciting theatrical plans in place for August.

If you are interested in using the Round Tower for a creative event please get in touch with us at hotwallsstudios@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

EXHIBITIONS

We were very proud to host our first collective exhibition this July in celebration of the Studios two year anniversary. This displayed work from all 13 studios inside the Round Tower from Friday evening until Sunday.

We welcomed 500 visitors through our doors over this period from our celebratory launch party Friday night to the open show both Saturday and Sunday.

A selection of art work from this exhibition will be travelling to Portsmouth Guildhall's first floor main entrance for the duration of August. If you haven't already had a chance to see the work, or would just like to go back for more, make sure you head to this space and have a look!

FEATURED ARTIST

If you follow us on any of our social media platforms you might see that Hotwalls Studios now feature a different studio artist each month.

In April Vanderhume's *Alice Hume* kick started this concept with the Firemonkey Arts Collective following in May, *Sadie Tierney* in June, *Alex Hagen* of Refold in July and now The Makers Table in August!

Highlights of the month will vary dependent on the featured studio and artist. This is as the Hotwalls Studios are keen to work in a way that is tailored to best support each creative business individually.

Recently we have seen blog posts from *Alice Hume*, Fire Monkey Collective's *Dave Allen* and *Sadie Tierney*, each giving insights into how they work and their experience at the Hotwalls Studios. These are all featured on our website www.hotwallsstudios.co.uk under 'blogs'. Don't forget that the Studios are collectively open every third Sunday of the month from 11:00am-4:00pm, giving you the opportunity to speak to any of the artists face to face.



Exhibitions □ Round Tower

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make sure you keep yourselves updated on the Round Tower and Hotwalls Studios upcoming events programme through the Hotwalls website on our events page, or check out our brand new notice board coming very soon to the site!

Here are some fast approaching dates for your diaries...

Thursday 16th August- Sherlock's Poisons Theatre Production- Free- The Round Tower- 6:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday 18th August- Beach Clean and Art Workshop- Free- Hotwalls Beach and Parade Ground- 10:00am - 2:00pm

Sunday 19th August- Open Studios- Free- Hotwalls Studios- 11:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 19th August- The Traders Keep- Free- the Round Tower- 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 8th September and Sunday 9th September- Heritage Open Days- Free- The Round Tower- 11:00am - 1:00 pm