

Art and About in Brighton

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An artistic hub as well as integral to the Brighton music scene, the premises of The Oriental hotel have long played a role in the cultural diversity of this British seaside town and continue to do so with their showcase of 'Brighton Art'. Following on from local artists Aaron Holmes and Scott Allen, the Patrick O'Donnell collection is entitled 'You make Me Gay' and features forgotten or overlooked gay icons. The exhibition is part of the Brighton Fringe Festival, the largest open access arts festival in England and one of the largest and fastest-growing in the world. The festival was created in 1967, but only became known as the Brighton Fringe Festival in 2002.

A former resident artist at The Oriental, Patrick O'Donnell describes his latest venture as 'a project I have been working on for the last year - almost coming full circle in terms of genre as this is what I started doing when I first began to paint. I wanted to portray these people in a classical way, instilling them all with a gravity that reflects the importance of their influence on me - like beacons in the darkness. I started by painting isolated figures in Caravaggio paintings, focusing on characters on the periphery without whom the whole balance of the picture is lost. I became fascinated with the idea of capturing overlooked, marginalised or forgotten figures and decided to paint personal heroes who had informed my sensibility.'

The exhibition will take place at The Oriental throughout the month of May and 10% of any sales will go to the Terence Higgins Trust, the leading and largest HIV and sexual health charity in the UK. Visitors to the boutique Brighton hotel exhibition will have the chance to win their own icon painted specially by the artist.

About The Oriental, Brighton: Formerly known as the Oriental Hotel, The Oriental was one of the original boutique hotels Brighton. These days the venue is refreshingly charismatic, with an under-stated charm and a characteristic atmosphere. The newly refurbished AA 4 * Highly Commended Grade II* Listed Regency guesthouse boasts a central Brighton location, a sleek and modern designer touch and the beach within 40 yards. Recommended by Time Out, Lonely Planet & The Guardian, The Oriental is an ideal solution for a weekend away, a midweek break or a business event.

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