



PRESS RELEASE

Hove Civic Society presents a Spring Salon at The Regency Town House

Wednesday 18 March – Sunday 22 March 11 am – 5 pm, Free Entry

Where outstanding contemporary art supports Hove's public art and environmental projects.

The Spring Salon at The Regency Town House brings together an outstanding group of artists for a vibrant exhibition of contemporary painting, sculpture, ceramics, and photography in the heart of Hove.

For many years, *Collectors Selection* was a well-known Artists Open House, celebrated for exhibiting original work of the highest quality while supporting the *Hove Plinth* initiative for public sculpture. Now reimagined as the Hove Civic Society Spring Salon, the exhibition continues this tradition of artistic excellence, presenting beautiful and intriguing work by thirteen exceptional artists, with all profits supporting the Society's environmental and public art projects in Hove.

From the sublime to the surreal, the beautiful to the beastly, the innovative to the traditional, the Spring Salon promises to delight and surprise. Each artist brings a distinctive way of seeing, offering visitors a rich and varied creative experience.

Helmut Lusser, Chair Hove Civic Society says

With this exhibition we are continuing our effort to raise funds for a wide range of environmental and art projects that the Society is promoting. All profits from sales will be re-invested into the public realm of Hove!

Ariana Beatty, Spring Salon Curator, says:

*"A work of art is above all an adventure of the mind." — Eugene Ionesco.
Like many artists I am a dreamer and will share my passion for this exhibition. I would like you to experience a kind of ephemeral, magic moment, engage and have fun discovering these inspirational, talented artists, creators and visionaries. If one of the works speaks to you, and is what you want to remember, we have succeeded.*

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Hove Civic Society initiatives:

Hove Civic Society is a charity working to improve the public realm in Hove.

Having raised over £300,000 for various projects, including Hove Plinth, across Hove, we are now trying to start a new initiative to add further sculpture along the Hove Seafront. We are also aiming to restore and rejuvenate the nine Hove Heritage Boards, spread across Hove and Portslade, raise funds for our street tree planting projects and support the introduction of pocket parks across Hove.

Spring Salon featured artists:

[Pierre Diamantopulo](#), whose sculpture *Flight of the Langoustine* stands on the Hove Plinth, returns with exuberant figures and imaginative mythical creatures.

[Roger Edwards'](#) unique stone sculptures, influenced by the 'lower forms of life' he studied as a boy, are humorous, absurd, and unforgettable.

[Jake Fern's](#) portraits use light, shadow, and bold colour to capture personality and mood, with the human face as the central focus.

[Alberto Martinez](#) presents whimsical townscapes that fuse Brighton with memories of his native Cuba, using vivid colour and enigmatic scenes.

[Simon Royer](#) explores natural history through meticulous animal paintings and quirky sea-life sculptures, often reflecting themes of survival and environmental concern.

[Aksorn Rukpong](#) transforms Brighton into dreamy, luminous cityscapes through glittering effects of light and shadow.

[Hazel Reeves](#), specialises in portrait bust and public art commissions in bronze and has undertaken prestigious award-winning commissions such as the Emmeline Pankhurst statue in Manchester and the Sir Nigel Gresley statue at King's Cross.

[Eve Shepherd](#) combines portraiture and mythology in bronze and ceramic works ranging from miniature to monumental, with influences compared to Rodin, Donatello, and Camille Claudel.

[David Streeter](#) won his first photo competition aged 12. Photography has been a big part of his life ever since and many accolades have followed. Watch out for the unexpected.

[Jackie Summerfield](#) creates figurative sculptural ceramics, bringing life and character to portrait busts, wall panels, and stylised animals.

[Serena Sussex](#) reveals the wonders of nature in expressive landscapes and seascapes, working in oil and acrylic on canvas and pebbles.

[Jonathan Wright's](#) Constellation was the first sculpture on Hove Plinth, now in prominent position at Hove Museum. A 'small but perfectly formed' maquette of Constellation will be at the Spring Salon.