

PRESS RELEASE

ARTPORT 2023 | PORTISHEAD ARTS FESTIVAL

DATE: Saturday 23rd September - Sunday 24th September

Opening drinks reception and film premier: Friday 22nd September, 7.00pm.

WHERE: multiple venues across the centre of Portishead.



ArtPort is Portishead Arts Festival, a community focused, multi-arts event that takes place annually in venues across Portishead, on the last weekend in September. This year's festival will be held on 23-24 September, 2023.

The festival takes place in the three main, central venues of Somerset Hall, the Beacon Hub and the Folk Hall, with other performances and events taking place at venues around the centre of Portishead, including kids' workshops at Portishead Youth Centre and live musical performances in Marina Square (outside H&W).

Our three main venues will hold an art fair and exhibition of over 50 artists and makers from across North Somerset and the south west; plus live music, literary events and a few surprises throughout the weekend!

Our third venue, the Folk Hall, is the venue for 'Field' - a unique, world-class sculpture installation by renowned local artist Hamish Young, consisting of 27,000 hand made plaster shells - that's one for every resident of Portishead.

We invite everyone - residents and visitors - to come and take part in this community installation: choose a shell and take it away with you, to keep as an original work of art, or to send on a new journey out into the world.

With an open submission photography exhibition, poetry readings, film workshops, circus skills, music competition, printing workshops and more - there really is something for everyone to come and enjoy.

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ABOUT ARTPORT

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Now in our third year, we continue to grow, this year adding spoken word, community ArtWalk, a film season and much more to our roster of events.

Entirely run by volunteers, the festival and its contributors work hard to bring together a range of events and creative experiences for all age groups - a packed programme of artists, craftspeople, workshops and demonstrations, live musical performances, dance events, art trails, film and much more.

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- Logos and images available on request

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