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In March, we were thrilled to launch our major exhibition on the acclaimed artist Ingrid Pollard with **Carbon Slowly Turning**. Since the opening of the show, Pollard has gone on to be nominated for this year's Turner Prize which we are absolutely delighted about.

This June we will present the first exhibition in the UK of acclaimed photographer **Vivian Maier** – uncovering the remarkable story of the mysterious Chicago nanny who led a double-life as one of the greatest street photographers of the 20th Century, amassing hundreds of thousands of images which were hidden in a storage locker and remained undiscovered during her life.

Be sure to also look out for our upcoming family events, films, live music, and growing adult workshop programmes.

We look forward to welcoming you to another action-packed season at MK Gallery and thank you for your support as ever.

We look forward to welcoming you to MK Gallery!

Anthony Spira
Director, MK Gallery



Vivian Maier, *New York* 1953. Copyright Estate of Vivian Maier.
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»»»»»»»»»» Exhibition ««««««««««

11 June – 25 September

Vivian Maier: Anthology

Curated by Anne Morin and produced by diChroma Photography

The first UK exhibition of acclaimed photographer **Vivian Maier** comes to MK Gallery this summer.

Vivian Maier (1926–2009) has only recently been revealed as one of the most significant photographers of the 20th century. She was a professional nanny in New York and Chicago for over 40 years but took hundreds of thousands of photographs, which were found when her belongings went to auction in 2007.

From carefree children and glamorous housewives to the homeless and destitute, Maier's portraits capture the highs and lows of everyday life. Street scenes with shop fronts, arcades and aerial shots use shadows and reflections to capture the improvised moments that make up a community. Smouldering furniture, abandoned toys, tangles of electric cables all set the scene as families, workers and commuters go about their daily business.

Maier presents a view of America that is as eclectic as it is intimate and piercing. As with all her work, these images are infused with the wit, humour and deep sense of humanity that has attracted a cult following.

Tickets

Adult £11.50 | £12.65 with Gift Aid donation

Concessions £8.50 | £9.35

Art Fund Pass £5.75 | £6.33 with Gift Aid donation

MK Gallery Members / Under 26s / Accompanying Carers Free

MK Residents £1 | £1.10 with Gift Aid donation every Tuesday

14 June – 24 September | 4.30pm

Finding Vivian Maier (PG)

This Oscar-nominated documentary shuttles from New York to France to Chicago to piece together and trace the life story of Vivian Maier. Directed by John Maloof, chief curator of Vivian Maier's work.

Tickets £8.50 / £18 exhibition entry and film

Friday 24 June | 6pm–10pm

MK Gallery Late

Join us for an exclusive out of hours opportunity to view **Vivian Maier: Anthology**. Feeling creative? Drink and draw, make your own badge and enjoy live DJ sets in the café.

»»»»»»» Accessible Exhibition Tours «««««««

Explore Vivian Maier Guide

You can pick up your free Explore Vivian Maier Guide from our front desk, designed for children aged 5 – 11 and their families.

Saturday 23 July & Saturday 27 August | 10.30am–11.10am
Toddle Exhibition Tour

Experience our galleries in a completely fun and child-friendly way! Join Associate Artist Julia Collar in exploring the sensory qualities of **Vivian Maier: Anthology**. The exhibition will be brought to life for your little ones with music, story-telling, object handling, dress up and play! **£5 per family**

Saturday 23 July & Saturday 27 August | 11.30am–12.10pm

Child Exhibition Tours

A unique sensory exploration of Vivian Maier's photographs, designed specifically for children with additional needs, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD), and their families. **£5 per family**

Toddle and Child Exhibition Tours: Makoton signing used throughout. A relaxing break out space, with black out tents and sensory aids will be available for use in both. Siblings are welcome to join. We accept Short Break Vouchers for payment.

Saturday 30 July | 11am–12pm
BSL Exhibition Tour

Join Associate Artist Chisato Minamimura, in exploring the diverse photographs of Vivian Maier. This event will be delivered in BSL and is suitable for anyone who uses or is learning BSL. **Free with exhibition ticket**

5 years
and under

Saturday 3 September | 11am–12pm
Audio Described Exhibition Tour

Delve into the life and works of Vivian Maier through in-depth visual descriptions of key portraits. This event is artist led and is suitable for those who are blind or partially sighted. **Free with exhibition ticket**

Sunday 19 June, Sunday 17 July, Sunday 21 August & Sunday 18 September | 10am–11am

Relaxed Exhibition Viewings

These are quiet hours tailored to support visitors with neurodiversity, inclusive of communication or sensory needs. Ear defenders and sensory aids are available, the hand dryers in the toilets are switched off, and tickets are limited to reduce the number of people in the galleries.

Bespoke Tours

We can also offer bespoke access tours for groups (fee may apply). Please email Sophie at sbennett@mkgallery.org for more information.



»»»»»»» Creative Workshops «««««««

Alongside our **Vivian Maier: Anthology** exhibition, we are excited to offer artist led creative workshops for adults inspired by her work. Explore different modes of photography and celebrate both analogue and digital methods to capture the world around us. All workshops include exhibition entry.

Book early to guarantee a place as limited spaces.



Pinhole Photography

Saturday 11 June | 3pm–6pm
Pinhole Photography

See the world through a pinhole by building a drink can camera with artist Willie Robb and developing your own photographs.

£45 per person, includes all materials

Saturday 30 July | 10am–4pm
Self-portrait and reflections

Explore self-portraiture inspired by Vivian Maier. This full day workshop with artist Anthony Luvera, will guide you through various techniques, composition and practices inspired by looking at our current exhibition.

Tickets £60

Introducing new monthly workshops

Tuesday 14 June, 19 July, 16 August & 20 September | 3pm–5pm & 7pm–9pm
Drawing from Life Club

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced artist, these monthly drawing clubs led by artist Paul Berryman, encourage you to practice and learn new skills and techniques in a relaxed and social environment. Visit our website for details on each session.

£15 per session | Basic materials provided

Every third Friday of the month during Vivian Maier: Anthology | 7pm–9pm
MK Gallery Camera Club

Join us for our first ever MK Gallery Camera Club. A free social networking event for camera and photography enthusiasts of any level to meet up, have a drink and talk about the joys of photography.

Project Space

MK Gallery's Project Space is dedicated to sharing artwork and cultural projects created for, with, and by artists and members of the local community. It aims to inspire, excite, and challenge people to collaborate and explore different forms of creativity that contribute to and express the cultural identity of Milton Keynes.

7 – 26 June

Photovoice: Enabling Visual Expression for Young People

This exhibition features photographs taken by the community at the YMCA Milton Keynes to illustrate the challenges they faced before living there and the impact of the support they now receive. The project is part of a wider research initiative led by the University of Northampton.



2 – 31 July

Young Photographer

A celebration of photography by children and young people across Milton Keynes that have taken part in our Young Photographer project. Don't forget to vote for your favourite!

5 – 14 August

Yoga Life

Experimental film and soundscape exploring how yoga is used to express aspects of Hindu identity including rejuvenation and community. The work was developed by artist Shefali Wardell in partnership with the MK Hindu Association and Arts and Heritage Alliance MK.

19 – 28 August

Kan Ya Makan

Artist Leen Kay has worked with the Middle Eastern Cultural Group to create an installation Kan Ya MaKan (which translates from the Arabic to 'once upon a place') that weaves personal anecdotes, memories and impressions with traditional elements from Middle Eastern interiors and design.



Educating Zerena

2 September – 2 October

Platform Graduate Award Exhibition 2022

Showcasing work from three recent graduates from local universities, the Platform Graduate Award exhibition is presented as part of a wider scheme led by CVAN South East that supports emerging artists to develop their practice following graduation.

8 – 30 October

Educating Zerena

This archival exhibition tells the extraordinary story of the 'alien' Zerena who crash landed into the playground of Newlyn Pace First School in Fishermead 34 years ago, revealing the story of how she was adopted, taught and kept safe by the pupils and community of Fishermead.

CURZON

Sky Room Cinema

Visit mkgallery.org to book or call
01908 676 900

This summer we're looking forward to bringing you a host of new family films including **Minions Rise of Gru**, **Super Pets**, **Lightyear** and **The Railway Children Return**, alongside Baz Luhrmann's **Elvis** and Emma Thompson's **Goodluck to You**, **Leo Grande**.

Event Cinema

This season brings us three exciting new productions from NT Live. We look forward to announcing the new season of opera and dance shortly.

Thursday 21 July | 7pm

NT Live: Prima Facie (15)

Jodie Comer (*Killing Eve*) makes her West End debut in the UK premiere of Suzie Miller's award-winning play. Tess, a brilliant young barrister from working class origins has reached the top of her game. An unexpected event forces her to confront where patriarchal power of the law, burden of proof and morals diverge.

Thursday 8 September | 7pm

NT Live: Much Ado About Nothing (12A)

Katherine Parkinson (*The IT Crowd*) and John Heffernan (*Dracula*) lead the cast in Shakespeare's romcom of sun, sea and mistaken identity.



Saturday 8 October | 7pm

NT Live: Jack Absolute Flies Again (12A)

A rollicking new comedy by Richard Bean (*One Man, Two Guvnors*) and Oliver Chris (*Twelfth Night*). After an aerial dog fight, Pilot Officer Jack Absolute flies home to win the heart of his old flame, Lydia Languish. Jack's advances soon turn to anarchy when the young heiress demands to be loved on her own, very particular, terms.



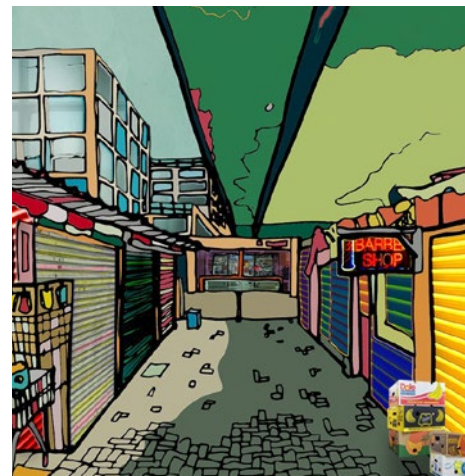
Community & Events

Thursday 7 July | 6pm-9pm

Eat the Feast

Artist Harold Offeh invited residents of Milton Keynes and Bletchley to be tour guides and share knowledge about their neighborhoods while creating a collective 'map' with tablecloths, candles, plates and receipts. The components of the map and its makers come together to share this project which was commissioned by Milton Keynes Arts Centre.

Tickets £7.50



RESOLVE Collective

Date to be announced | Doors 6pm

Artists in Conversation:
RESOLVE Collective x
Harold Offeh

A conversation between artist Harold Offeh and design collective RESOLVE on two recent projects within Milton Keynes. The discussion will consider community-based practice within the wider art world and whether these interventions allow for genuine engagement and mutual exchange to shape our city.

Tickets £5

Saturday 2 July | 3pm

Artist in Conversation:

Caroline Cardus

Caroline Cardus' edible WAIWAV intervention, FED UP, serves up a slice of truth on austerity policies and the impact they are having on disabled people. Join Caroline for an artist talk about the work and the political flim-flammy that inspired it.

Free

Tuesday 13 September | 5pm

Willen Hospice Caring for MK since 1981

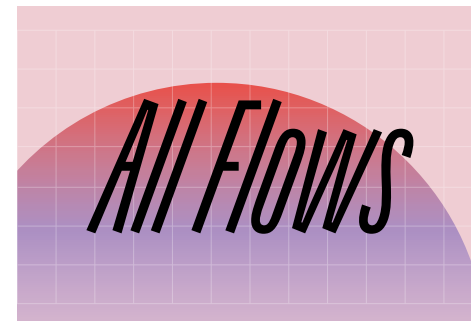
Take a look back over the last 40 years of the Hospice to see how a community came together to turn their dream into a reality. A new short documentary film, produced by Willen Hospice, in partnership with Living Archive MK. The screening will be followed by a Q&A.

Free

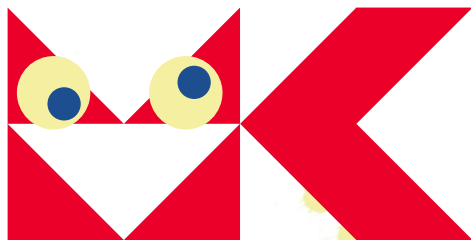
Friday 23 & Saturday 24 September

All Flows

A two-day creative industries and digital technology conference bringing together an inspiring line-up of influential speakers. Presented by Pooleyville and MK Geek Night. Visit www.allflows.live for more information.



Family Fun



Family Fun Days

Join us for afternoons packed full of activities!

Saturday 25 June | 12pm–4pm

Celebration of Differences

To mark Pride Month artists Alice and Shauna from No Outcome Art lead a day of celebrating what makes us wonderfully different. The day, suitable for all ages and abilities will feature a silent disco, dressing up, silhouette making and Pride inspired art.

Saturday 23 July | 12pm–4pm

School's Out!

Celebrate the end of term in true rebel style with an afternoon full of live music from the Tics! There will also be plenty to join in for all the family with Zine-making, badge-making, and skateboarding tricks.

Saturday 17 September | 12pm–4pm

Heritage Open Days: Astounding Inventions

We're celebrating the technological advancements of cameras for this year's Heritage Open Days by turning our Sky Room into a giant camera obscura! You can also enjoy free tours of the building and other drop-in activities exploring various ways of seeing.

Check out mkgallery.org for more information.

Sunday 10 July | 11am & 2pm

Errol's Garden

Errol loves plants so much that he has them growing out of every pot, pan and teacup he can find in his small flat, to the dismay of his family. He knows that plants need water, sunlight and space. They need a garden. Errol and his sister Tia search through their block of flats for the perfect space, and discover a neglected rooftop full of rubbish.

An interactive musical filled with catchy songs, humour and imagination.
Tickets £9



3–11
year olds

Errol's Garden

Mystery in Moominvalley



Sunday 29 September | 11am & 2pm

Mischief & Mystery in Moominvalley

Based on the much-loved Moominland novels, this gentle heart-warming show tells the story of a year in Moominvalley.

The characters are brought to life with puppets and features beautiful original music, songs and narration. This show is naturally relaxed.

Tickets £9

**Every Tuesday | 10am, 11am & 12pm
during term time**

Start the Art

Play with jelly, paint with your toes, experience spring through cinnamon and a prehistoric muddy landscape for dinosaurs made from hot chocolate or build your own forest friends from clay and twigs. Enjoy exploring senses through new smells, textures and learning more about the world through play. Every week is a different theme.

**Tickets £6 per adult & child
(£2 per additional child)**

**Every Tuesday 4pm (Key Stage 1) &
5.30pm (Key Stage 2) during term time**
Art Club

Children from Year 1 upwards can join a selection of MK Gallery's Associate Artists in fun workshops in our Learning Studio. Each week children are given the chance to explore new materials, develop new skills and make new friends too.

Tickets £5



Start the Art

Thursday 27 October | 11am & 2pm

Art Together SEND Family Workshops

This October half term, get creative, spend time with your family and connect with others! A fun-filled guided creative session, led by an experienced associate artist. These workshops will be tailored to meet support needs and access requirements for children with additional needs, including autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD).

If you are interested in taking part, please contact jsenior@mkgallery.org.
Tickets £5 per family

»»»»»»»»»» Young People ««««««««««



Supported Studio

Saturdays 18 June, 9 July, 20 August, 17 September, 15 October

Supported Studio

We are excited to announce the launch of our new monthly supported studio programme at MK Gallery! Designed to support young people aged 14-25 years with neurodiversity and/or additional support needs, this is a space to explore your creativity in a fun and sociable environment. Whether you are new to art, or keen to take your practice further, workshops will offer skills development, group activities and one to one guidance for personal projects.

If you, or someone you know might be interested in getting involved, please contact Jemima on jsenior@mkgallery.org.

£5 per person

Tuesdays during school holidays

ARioT

Calling all 14-18 year olds! ARioT is a welcoming and supportive environment to make new friends whilst exploring different creative process and materials. For more information, please contact learning@mkgallery.org and check out [@ariot_mkgallery](https://www.instagram.com/ariot_mkgallery) on Instagram to see past and current workshops. **Free**

Monday's during school holidays

Street Arts

Are you 11-15 years old? Get involved in a wide range of activities from t-shirt printing to creating your own animations which will complement parkour workshops led by Paramount Parkour.

For more information, please email streetarts@mkgallery.org

Amplify

A free series of events and workshops for 16-25 years

Saturday 11 June | 11am-2pm

Hot Foil Press workshop with Dylan Fox

Examine the impact of text and imagery to create your very own postcards.

Friday 17 June | Doors 6.30pm

Spoken Word

Develop your writing and performing skills to explore how to use spoken word performance as a form of expression.

Saturday 18 June | 11am-2pm

Spoken Word workshop with Rhiannan-Ashley Francis

Explore how to write and perform spoken word as a form of expression. Develop your writing and performing skills.

Saturday 16 July | 11am-2pm

Zine-making

Want to learn how to create a zine? Join Zoe Thompson founder of sweet-thang zine to experiment with different materials to create your own zines.

Friday 22 July | Doors 6.30pm

A Brief History of Protest Art

Join curator and art historian Aindrea Emelife as she discusses her book A Brief History of Protest Art. Discover how artists have used their work to criticise and protest against injustice and inequality.

Young Photographer

Entries close 17 June

Open to young people aged 4 - 19

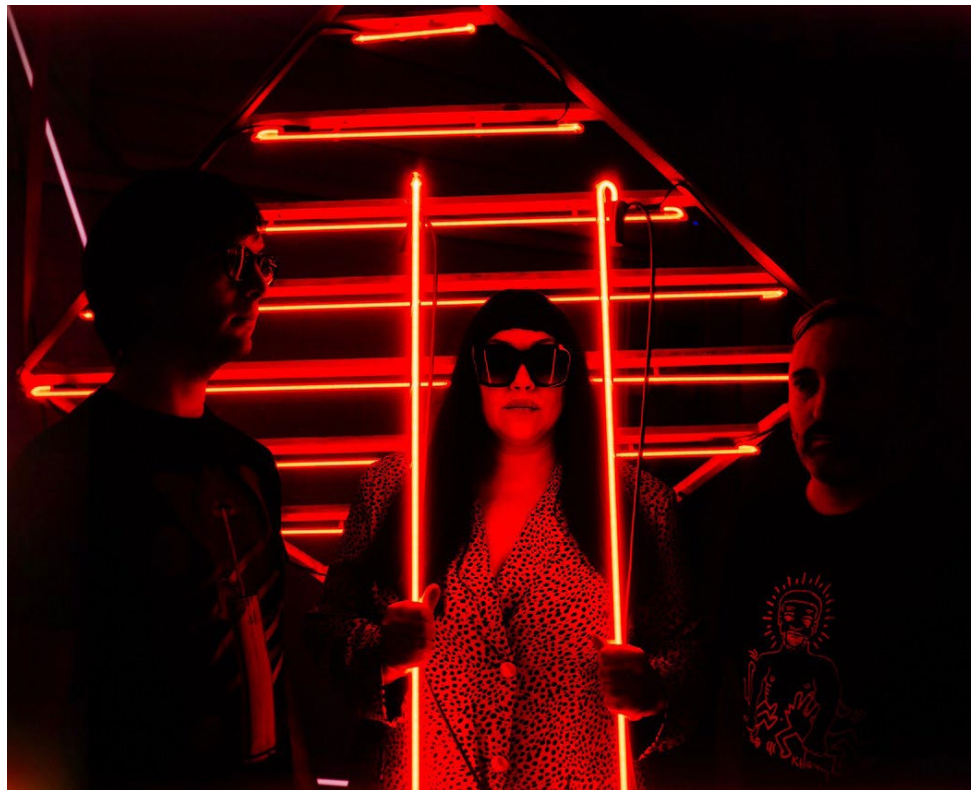
We're celebrating all things photography this year and this is your final chance to be inspired and get involved.

Young Photographer is an opportunity for all young people living or studying in Milton Keynes to develop photographic skills, take part in an exhibition this July, and have their work judged by a panel of curators and photographers. Visit our website to download the entry form.





Music



the Galaxians

Last Friday of every month | Doors 7pm

themusicroom (tmr)

themusicroom (tmr) is an intimate, curated experience blending live music with creative conversations that encourages musical diversity above all else. Each evening showcases talent from Milton Keynes and across the UK opening up new conversations, possibilities and friendships. Visit our website for further details.

Tickets £6 or £8 on the door

Saturday 18 June | Doors 7.30pm

MKFF presents: ALYSS, Lu'ami

Curated by musician and writer The Isle of CC, this gig brings together emerging female artists making waves in the Neo-Soul scene in the UK.

Tickets £10

Sat 15 October | Doors 7.30pm

Galaxians + DJs

Updating the sounds of the 80s dancefloor for the modern age the Galaxians bring their club energy and powerhouse vocals to the Sky Room. Supported by DJs throughout the night this promises to be an evening of exuberant celebratory disco.

Tickets £12 or £15 on the door



Shop & Café



MK Gallery Shop

Our Gallery Shop is independent with a carefully curated collection of beautiful items, from stunning ceramics and jewellery pieces by local makers to a selection of popular art books, gifts and prints for everyone.

Café/Bar

Sit back and relax in our independent café/bar. Choose from our range of locally made cakes, made to order jacket potatoes, soups, sandwiches and much more! Last food orders 3.30pm or 6pm when café/bar open late.



Afternoon teas

Indulge in a traditional afternoon tea at MK Gallery café. A delectable assortment of finger sandwiches, warm scones, and tempting cakes with a pot of tea.

All profits from the Café and Shop go directly towards supporting our award-winning exhibitions, learning and community programmes.

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»»»»»»»»»» Coming Soon ««««««««««

15 October 2022 – 29 January 2023

Larry Achiampong: Wayfinder



Larry Achiampong *Wayfinder*, 2022. Feature-Length Single Channel 4K Film with Stereo Sound. Commissioned by Turner Contemporary with MK Gallery and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art. Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Courtesy of the artist and Copperfield, London. Distributed by LUX.

British-Ghanaian artist Larry Achiampong works in film, sculpture, installation, sound, collage, music and performance. His work draws on popular culture and his communal and personal heritage.

Included in his first major UK solo show to date is Achiampong's debut feature length film *Wayfinder*, as well as a large presentation of his Pan African flags, life-sized *Relic Traveller* figures and *Glyth* collages. It will also reveal some of his influences from video games to the landscape paintings of JMW Turner.

Wayfinder follows a young girl on a journey across England. Travelling from north to south, she passes through different regions, towns and landscapes, including a housing estate in Wellingborough and the ruins of St Johns Church in Boughton, Northamptonshire. On her way she encounters people and stories, such as the Wellingborough based former athlete Anita Neil OLY, who was the first female Black British Olympian. *Wayfinder* draws on British traditions of travel and exploration to reflect on division and the meaning of home.

Wayfinder: Larry Achiampong has been commissioned by Turner Contemporary with MK Gallery and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art.

Volunteer

We need you! Volunteer with us today!

Help us bring world class exhibitions to life in Milton Keynes, create amazing experiences for visitors and help them discover about art. You'll meet new people, be given the opportunity to learn more about every exhibition and artist and get discounts in our shop and café. Call 01908 558 305 or email aparmar@mkgallery.org to find out more.



Tuesday 21 June & Tuesday 25 October | 5pm–7pm

Volunteer Recruitment Evenings

MK Gallery is hosting a volunteer recruitment evening for those who are curious to find out more about volunteering. Potential newcomers will have an after-hours, volunteer-led tour of the **Vivian Maier: Anthology** exhibition while learning about the role of a gallery assistant. To register your interest and attendance to the recruitment open evening, please email our Volunteer Manager, Annette Parmar aparmar@mkgallery.org.

MK Gallery would like to thank all our volunteers for their continued support.

Venue Hire



Looking for the perfect space for your next event?
Why not host it at MK Gallery's Sky Room?
Contact events@mkgallery.org

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Become a member at MK Gallery



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member only
events**



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ticketed exhibitions**



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