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Cover image

Larry Achiampong, *Wayfinder*, 2022.
Courtesy of the artist and Copperfield,
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This Winter at MK Gallery

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Café/Bar

Independent
cinema in
partnership
with Curzon

Larry
Achiampong:
Wayfinder

Exhibition
Tours & Talks

Music in the Sky Room

Local
community
art and
culture in the
Project Space

Family Fun Days!

Coming Soon:
Trickster Figures: Sculpture
and the Body





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15 October 2022 — 15 January 2023

Larry Achiampong: Wayfinder

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 British female Black Olympian. *Wayfinder* draws on British traditions of travel and exploration to reflect on division and the meaning of home.

This exhibition has been commissioned by Turner Contemporary with MK Gallery and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art.

Tickets

Adult £11.50 | £12.65 with Gift Aid donation

Concessions (Jobseeker, full time student & registered disabled) £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

Pop in to play!

Everyone is welcome to pop in to the Café during the exhibition **Larry Achiampong: Wayfinder** and play some of the best video games from the last three decades. There's a game for everyone, from Donkey Kong to The Legend of Zelda. Play against friends and families, rediscover your favourites. Let the games commence!



Larry Achiampong, *Reliquary Conceptual Imagery*, 2020.
Illustrated by Wumi Olaosebikan. Courtesy of the artist and Copperfield, London

Exhibition Tours & Events

Explore Family Guide

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

Saturday 29 October & Saturday 26 November | 10.30am–11.10am

Toddle Exhibition Tours

A fun-filled, sensory experience for your little ones! The exhibition will be brought to life with music, story-telling, object handling and play.
£5 per family

5 years and under



Saturday 12 November | 12pm–1pm

BSL Exhibition Tour

Free (with exhibition ticket)

Saturday 3 December | 11am–12pm

Audio Described Exhibition Tour

Free (with exhibition ticket)

Sunday 16 October, Sunday 20 November & Sunday 18 December | 10am–11am

Relaxed Exhibition Viewings

These are quiet hours tailored to support visitors with neurodiversity.
Free

Friday 4 November | 6pm–10pm

MK Gallery Late

Join us after hours for our next MK Gallery Late. Visit the exhibition and then relax in the Café/Bar while enjoying some live music/DJs and craft activities.

Free (Exhibition entry charge applies)



Photo: Sagar Kharecha

Creative Workshops



Flag Making

Saturday 26 November | 10am–4pm

Flag Making with Ciara Callaghan

Join Ciara Callaghan for this day long workshop to design and make a flag unique to you, inspired by our **Larry Achiampong: Wayfinder** exhibition.

Ciara will guide you through a range of techniques in a creative approach to appliqué and textile collage to create your own flag to take home.

Materials will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own if you have preferred colour palettes or sentimental textiles you want to include.

Tickets £80 including materials

Monthly Workshops

Tue 18 Oct, Tue 15 Nov, Tue 13 Dec, Tue 17 Jan & Tue 21 Feb

Drawing from Life Club

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.

From £15 per session | Basic materials provided



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.

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.

4 – 27 November

Earwitness

A new interactive sound installation by Madeleine Wilke which explores the relationship between clothes and the body through imagining the remnant sounds that have been caught up in clothes– to leave your coat somewhere is to leave yourself somewhere.

2 December 2022 – 1 January 2023

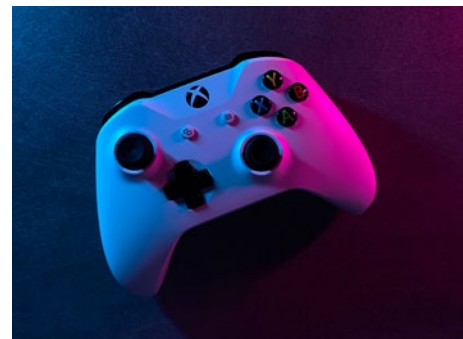
We are all artists

A showcase of the diverse range of work created by our staff and volunteer team here at MK Gallery.



We are all artists. Image: Monika Lornicova, Midsummer Jobs, 2022

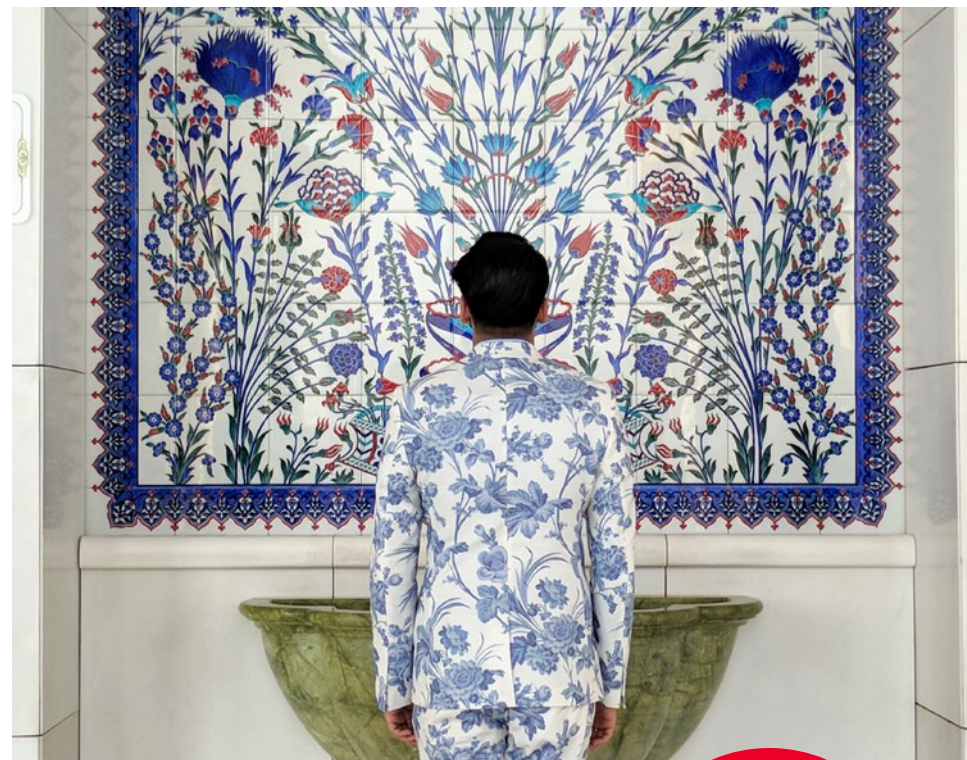
Press Start



7 – 29 January 2023

Press Start

A selection of art, games, and interactive experiences from the students at the University of Northampton. See a snapshot into the artistry of games creation with: 3D characters and environments; playable games; and experimental interactive pieces from Game Artists, Developers and Designers.



Meditative Space

3 – 26 February 2023

Meditative Space

Creating a space to feel safe and calm, this collaboration between MK Gallery and Arts for Health MK explores how the arts can have a beneficial effect on our mental health.

**Free entry for
Project Space
exhibitions**



The home of independent cinema in Milton Keynes programmed in partnership with Curzon, to bring you the best of world and event cinema, alongside family favourites and block busters.

This winter we're bringing you a host of new films to the big screen including **Moonage Daydream; Mrs Harris Goes to Paris; Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** along with seasonal classics for Halloween and Christmas.

Visit mkgallery.org for latest listings, to book and for information about our accessible screenings.

CURZON

Locally made ice creams now available at MK Gallery



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

National Theatre Live



Jack Absolute Flies Again

Saturday 8 October | 7pm

NT Live:

Jack Absolute Flies Again

A rollicking new comedy by Richard Bean (One Man, Two Guvnors) and Oliver Chris (Twelfth Night), based on Richard Brinsley Sheridan's The Rivals.



Friday 4 November | 7pm

NT Live: The Seagull

Emilia Clarke (Game of Thrones) makes her West End debut in this 21st century retelling of Anton Chekhov's tale of love and loneliness.

Tuesday 31 January 2023 | 7pm

NT Live: The Crucible

A witch hunt is beginning in Arthur Miller's captivating parable of power with Erin Doherty (The Crown) and Brendan Cowell (Yerma).

Saturday 25 February 2023 | 7pm

NT Live: Othello

An extraordinary new production of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy, directed by Clint Dyer.

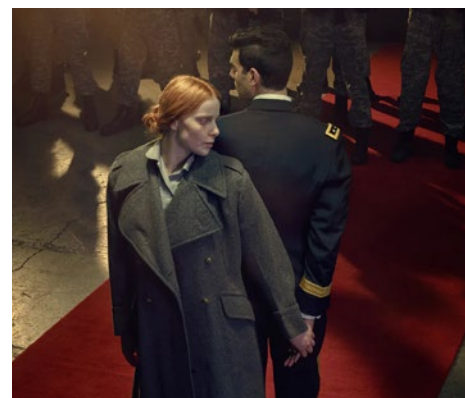
Royal Opera House Live

The more you see, the more you save
Book for more than one ROH Live screening and save up to 20%. Visit the website for more information.

Sunday 9 October | 2pm

ROH Live: Mayerling

Dangerous desires, family secrets and political intrigues – a true story told through ballet.



ROH Live: Aida

Sunday 16 October | 2pm

ROH Live: Aida

Love and duty collide and nations clash in Verdi's political drama, starring Elena Stikhina and conducted by Antonio Pappano.

Sunday 20 November | 2pm

ROH Live:

A Diamond Celebration

A dazzling showcase marking 60 years of the Friends of the Royal Opera House.

Sunday 11 December | 2pm

ROH Live: The Nutcracker

Discover the enchantment of ballet with this sparkling festive treat for the whole family.

Sunday 22 January 2023 | 2pm

ROH Live:

Like Water for Chocolate

Christopher Wheeldon's new full-length ballet brings the magic realism of this famous modern Mexican novel to The Royal Ballet.

Sunday 19 February 2023 | 2pm

ROH Live: The Barber of Seville

When Rosina falls in love with a mysterious young suitor who calls himself Lindoro, she must use all her cunning – and a little help from her local barber – to outwit her calculating guardian Dr Bartolo.

Exhibition on Screen

Sunday 23 October | 2pm

Exhibition on Screen: Hopper

Hopper's work is the most recognisable art in America – popular, praised, and mysterious. Countless painters, photographers, filmmakers and musicians have been influenced by his art – but who was he?

Tuesday 29 November | 7pm

Exhibition on Screen: Cezanne: Portraits of a Life

The film will take you beyond the exhibition to the places Cezanne lived and worked and sheds light on an artist who is perhaps the least-known of all the impressionists – until now.

Christmas is Coming

Sunday 27 November | 2pm

Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story

It's a cold Christmas Eve and mean-spirited miser Ebenezer Scrooge (Nicholas Farrell) has an unexpected visit from the spirit of his former business partner Jacob Marley (Mark Gatiss).

Family Fun

Family Fun Days

Join us for afternoons packed full of activities for all the family to enjoy!

Saturday 29 October | 12pm–4pm

Intergalactic Family Fun Day

Head into space this October half term. Put on your space suit and moonboots to help us discover hidden life on the planets in a family friendly afternoon for all ages.



Saturday 11 February | 12pm–4pm

Cardboard Creations Family Fun Day

What can you make from cardboard? Can you take on the challenge to help create something that you can wear from cardboard? Join us for this fun family afternoon with plenty of activities for all the family to enjoy.



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 £6

Watch this space for Key Stage 3 Art Academy coming soon!

Thursday 27 October | 11am–12.30pm & 2pm–3.30pm

Art Together: SEND Family Workshop

This half term we will be taking inspiration from the Larry Achiampong exhibition, exploring, investigating, creating and playing with lots of exciting materials. Working together with an artist to create large scale collaborative installations. For bookings, contact Rosie on rmay@mkgallery.org

This workshop is designed for children with additional and complex support needs, and their families.

£5 per family

Young People

ARioT

Calling all 14–18 year olds! Work together in an engaging space to explore materials and processes while making new friends in a safe, welcoming and supportive environment.

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**

Mondays 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 activities led by Paramount Parkour, and are open to young people of all abilities.

For more information, please email streetarts@mkgallery.org



Supported Studio

Every third Saturday of the month | 10.30am–12.30pm (14 yrs+), 1.30pm–3.30pm (17 yrs+)

Supported Studio

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 offer skills development, group activities and one to one guidance alongside artists.

For young people aged 14–25 years with neurodiversity and/or additional support needs. **£5**

Friday 13 January 2023 | 6pm–9pm

Press Start: Gaming Session

Compete against your friends and family at our after-hours gaming event. Hosted by the University of Northampton Game Design students. **Free**



Street Arts



Music



Galaxians

Sat 15 October | Doors 7.30pm

Galaxians + High-Res 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. This promises to be an evening of exuberant celebratory disco.

Tickets: £12 or £15 on the door

Friday 28 October & Friday 25 November | Doors 7pm

themusicroom

Join tmr for an intimate evening that blends live music with creative conversations and encourages musical diversity above all else.

See website for ticket prices

Wednesday 2 November | 1pm

Pit Perfect Recital

Ahead of the Glyndebourne Tour production of **La bohème** by Giacomo Puccini at Milton Keynes Theatre later that evening, players from the Glyndebourne Tour Orchestra's Pit Perfect talent development scheme bring an informal programme of instrumental music to the Sky Room.

Free

Saturday 5 November | 2pm & 4pm

glass human

Glyndebourne Opera presents a newly commissioned chamber opera composed by Samantha Fernando with words by Melanie Wilson, exploring the experience of loneliness.

Tickets £10 Book at atgtickets.com/venues/milton-keynes-theatre



Glass Human, image: Katie Ponder



The Cock & Bull Band

Sunday 13 November | 2.30pm

Brushstrokes: A Soundscape of Colour for Flute Ensemble

World premiere of award-winning composer Edgar Divver's **Brushstrokes** which takes inspiration from names and colours in the Farrow & Ball paint chart. Composed in collaboration with the Bedfordshire Woodwind Academy Flute Ensemble as part of Making Music's Adopt a Music Creator programme.

Tickets from £5

Saturday 19 November | Doors 7pm

The Cock & Bull Band Ceilidh

The Cock & Bull Band return to the Sky Room with their unique arrangements that delight the ear, whilst igniting the inner dancing spirit!

Tickets £10 or £12 on the door

Wednesday 12 October | 6.30pm
Riding the Wind & Sun for 50
Years plus other stories

A talk by Dr Derek Taylor exploring how renewable energy has grown to become the dominant and least expensive form of electricity and his own contribution to the fields of renewable energy and building design over the last 50 years. Presented in partnership with the Buckingham Society of Architects.

Tickets £10, RIBA Members £8

Thursday 20 October | 4pm
Creativity & the Curriculum

This special event invites teachers and academics along with artists and creatives to explore the **Educating Zerena** exhibition and film, and consider risk taking and creativity in schools today. Produced in partnership with Living Archive, Inter-Action MK and MAKE. **Tickets £5**

Saturday 29 October | 5pm
Educating Zerena:
An Alien Encounter

New documentary film directed by Roger Kitchen and produced by Living Archive tells the remarkable story of the alien Zerena who emerged from a spacecraft that landed in the grounds of Newlyn Place First School in 1988. Join us to celebrate one of Milton Keynes' untold histories.

Tickets £5



Educating Zerena

Me Marley & I



Nice Modern: A different view of the twentieth century

Wednesday 16 November | 6.30pm
Nice Modern: A different
view of the twentieth century

For the Buckingham Society of Architects Annual Lecture 20th century architecture art and design historian Alan Powers proposes an alternative approach to Modern Architecture that connects to what architects are trying to achieve today.

Tickets £10, RIBA Members £8

Saturday 14 January | 7.30pm
Me Marley & I

A play written and performed by Yaw Asiyama. Based on Asiyama's teenage years during the 1970's revolution in Ghana this bitter-sweet portrait of survival brings to life a different time in a different culture. Gloriously funny and warm, this is a story of brutal survival, true love and friendship told against the backdrop of Bob Marley's music.

Tickets from £10

MK Gallery Shop

Our Gallery Shop is independent with a carefully selected 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

Sample some of the best local products, from ales made in Stacey Bushes to coffee beans roasted in Bletchley, MK Gallery Café/Bar celebrates its local partners. Expect jacket potatoes, soups, sandwiches, coffee, wines and cocktails. We are open from 10am daily with last food orders at 3.30pm or 6pm on a Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Afternoon Teas

Available Tuesday-Saturday with vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options, our afternoon teas are the perfect indulgent treat.

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Venue Hire



Photo: Chris Henley

There are a range of rooms throughout the Gallery that host a variety of different events – from conferences to private receptions, weddings to Christmas parties, banqueting to BBQs, seminars to corporate team building and everything in-between. To talk to someone about hosting your next event with us please contact events@mkgallery.org

»»»»»»»»»» Coming Soon ««««««««««

4 February – 7 May 2023

Trickster Figures: Sculpture and the Body

Curated by Jes Fernie



Alice Channer, *Planetary System (Kozer DGK63)*, 2019. Photo: Achim Kukieles

Trickster Figures presents the next chapter in the story of British sculpture, bringing together a selection of work by eleven contemporary artists. The exhibition explores the body's newly configured relation to the world which involves increasingly fluid movement between binary systems, technology, human forms, animals, identities, and the environment. Encompassing sculpture in its widest sense, the exhibition includes play, touch and sound. Works made from crab shells, tree roots, shopping bags, and hosiery sit alongside a dance floor and a water fountain. Discover elements that change and grow, sculptures that are made to be worn, and things that will never be finished.

"There is a leakage, a seepage in these works. Many of them allude to bodies or systems that relate to bodies. Jealous bodies, broken bodies, fossilised bodies, vulnerable, contaminated bodies. There is also love, tenderness, glamour, and compulsion." JES FERNIE

Artists: Saelia Aparicio | Alice Channer | Jesse Darling |
Nicolas Deshayes | Kira Freije | Siobhán Hapaska | Nnena Kalu |
Joe Namy | Harold Offeh | Ro Robertson | Vanessa da Silva

Trickster Figures is supported by the Henry Moore Foundation







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thank all our
volunteers for
their continued
support.



**We need
you!**



**Volunteer
with us
today!**

**Tuesday
25 October
| 5pm-7pm**

Volunteer

Recruitment Evenings

Curious about volunteering?

Join us as for an after-hours,
volunteer-led tour of the **Larry**

Achiampong: Wayfinder exhibition while
learning about the role of a gallery assistant. To
register your interest, please email our Volunteer
Manager, Annette Parmar aparmar@mkgallery.org