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Norwich landmarks are inspiring for artists in painting competition

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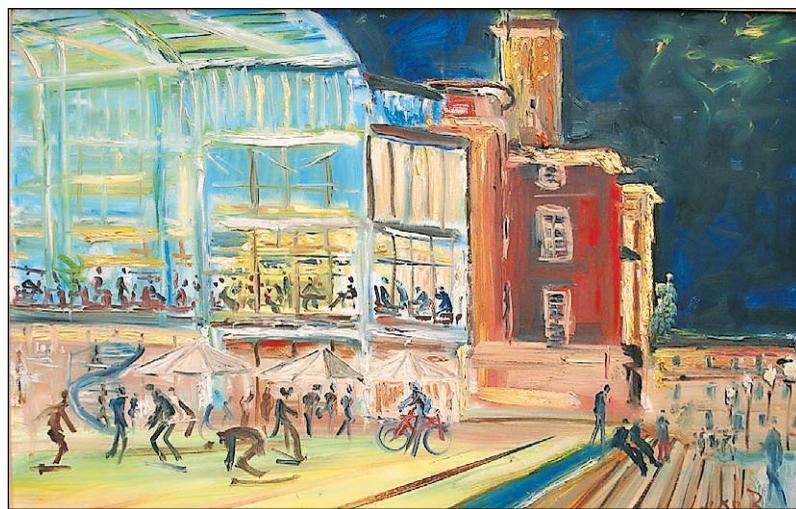
More than 30 artists have been selected to take part in an open air event celebrating Norwich in paint.

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The inaugural Paint Out Norwich – part of this year's Hostry Festival – is a two-day en plein air painting competition which takes its inspiration from seven Norwich landmarks.

Norwich Castle, Norwich Cathedral, The Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Pull's Ferry, Elm Hill, and Norwich Market are all set to be the subjects of the competition – and The Forum has now been added to the list.

Following a call-out to artists earlier this year, a group of 31 have now been chosen and will be out and about in the city with their paintbrushes and easels on October 22 and 23. As these paintings show, many of the painters have previously been inspired to create great art featuring our fine city.



The public will be able to follow a Paint Out Norwich trail and watch the artists at work over the two days before their work is displayed in an exhibition at Norwich Cathedral's Hostry.

Will Buckley and James Colman, from the Paint Out Norwich team, said: "We are delighted that such a broad range of artists working in

different media are happy to accept the challenge."

The artists taking part are: John Behm, Timothy Betjeman, Byrony Birkbeck, Richard Bond, Patrick Boswell, Leon Bunnewell, Roy Connelly, Chris Daynes, Anthea Eames, Katie Falcon, Cornelia Fitzroy, Gerald Green, Mark Greenwood, Jane Hall, Wil Harvey,



Paint Out Norwich artist Leon Bunnewell's painting, Forum at Night. Above, Patrick Boswell's depiction of Norwich from Mousehold Avenue.

Francesca Heathorn, Tyga Helme, Mary Kallagher, Dan Llewellyn Hall, Chloe Mandy, Stephen Martyn, Elizabeth Monahan, Simon Page, David Pilgrim, Janet Poole, Michael Richardson, Graham Rider, Haidee-Jo Summers, Mo Teeuw, Liam Wales and Philip Wilkinson.

They will all spend the two days creating paintings and drawings

before their work is judged by a panel that includes Norwich-based artist Colin Self, plein air artist Trevor Chamberlain, and Amanda Geitner, head of collections and exhibitions at Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts. The public can also vote for their favourite artist via an online Paint Out Norwich People's Choice Award.

A Paint Out Norwich Gala Launch Night and Auction will take place at the Hostry on October 23, where the winners of the judges awards will be announced and some of the work will be auctioned by TW Gaze of Diss. After the competition closes, all the art will be exhibited at the Hostry until November 2. The winner of the online public vote will be announced at the end of the exhibition. Paint Out Norwich's lead sponsor is Broadland Wineries and other sponsors include Savills, Archant and Norwich Art Supplies.

■ Tickets for the gala launch night cost £12. To book call 01603 598676. Visit www.paintoutnorwich.org

■ The Hostry Festival is October 22 to November 2. Visit www.hostrfestival.org

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