



**a year of contemporary art**



**2025 on the Prom**

# About us...

**Cromer Artspace** aims to bring art to Cromer for the benefit of residents and visitors.

The Charity was set up during the constraints of 2020 and rapidly became widely recognised as being a significant contributor to the arts in Norfolk.

The Charity has already established a contemporary art gallery - **Artspace on the Prom**, worked in collaboration with the **National Gallery** and local businesses to bring art trails to the streets of Cromer, run two small festivals as well as other events. Over 10,000 people have visited Artspace on the Prom each year.

New for 2025 is a collaboration with the **National Galleries of Scotland** to bring you **The Bigger Picture** around the town and with **The Grove**, a Cromer hotel, to bring you **sculpture@thegrove** in their beautiful grounds.

If you would like to help with our journey, either by donating or by volunteering, please email us at **hello@cromer-artspace.uk**



**cromer-artspace.uk**

# Follow us...

You can follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

If you'd like to receive our monthly email newsletter, with stories and information on what's been happening at Artspace on the Prom and at the Charity in general, just email us at **hello@cromer-artspace.uk** or sign up via our website.



Front Cover photo: Bob Johnson

# Artists in Conversation

Visitors to Artspace on the Prom have said how much they appreciate the opportunity to meet the artists and have a conversation about the work exhibited.

In 2025 individual artists and groups of artists will be sharing ideas, information and experiences. These are informal sessions. They are **free** and everyone is welcome to come along to ask questions and find out more about the artwork.

## **Graham High**

Saturday 3 May at 5pm

## **Julie Oxenforth**

Saturday 7 June at 5pm

## **Mary Blue**

Saturday 21 June at 5pm

## **Sculptors**

Saturday 5 July at 5pm

## **Print Cromer**

Saturday 26 July at 5pm

## **Art Depot**

Saturday 27 September at 5pm

## **Cromer Open**

Saturday 25 October at 5pm

## Workshops

Cromer Artspace is delighted to invite you to explore and develop your creativity at a range of workshops through the season - print, poetry, painting, drawing and more!

There will be day workshops on 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th May, and on 6th August as well as shorter workshops linked to exhibitions.

Keep an eye on the website for details and booking [cromer-artspace.uk](http://cromer-artspace.uk)







Left:  
The Monarch  
of the Glen  
by Sir Edwin  
Landseer

# The Bigger Picture

**Cromer Artspace** is excited to be hosting a new outdoor exhibition around the streets of Cromer in collaboration with the **National Galleries of Scotland**.

The National Galleries of Scotland house and care for some of Scotland's amazing world-class art collection: their three Edinburgh galleries are the National, Modern and Portrait.

This exhibition is a unique collaboration between two very different organisations. All 20 pictures on show are printed life-size, offering a special and fully accessible viewing experience, free for all to enjoy. Take a walk around Cromer to discover them.

Pick up **Cromer Artspace: The Bigger Picture Art around Cromer** leaflet for a guide to the 20 art reproductions on show and a map detailing where you can see them.



**Top: Reverend Robert Walker skating on Duddingston Lake by Sir Henry Raeburn**  
**Bottom: The Ladies Waldegrave by Sir Joshua Reynolds**

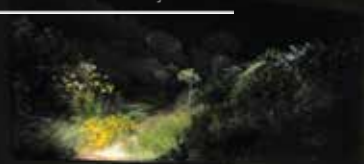
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Galleries  
Scotland


FRAME | RATE

# Pulse of the Earth

ScanLAB Projects



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FRAMERATE: Pulse of the Earth bears witness to a planet in flux.

We invite you to observe in another way. To think and feel in another time scale: geological time, seasonal time, tidal time. To contemplate change, and the pace of change. This is a space where your perspective might shift.

*Pioneering artists ScanLAB Projects' immersive installation has screened at the Venice Biennale, SXSW, BFI London Film Festival, Tribeca Festival, Taiwan Creative Content Festival, and at the PHI Centre in Montreal and Elektron in Luxembourg; the installation is now touring the UK with support from Arts Council England.*

**Free workshops** on 3D scanning and its implications for art, science and technology will be running alongside the exhibition; all are welcome.

22 March - 21 April

# LIFE FORM

## from figuration to abstraction

### Graham High

Graham sculpts in both representational and abstract modes. Both are represented in this exhibition. His degree in Fine Art confirmed his interest in modernism, especially the 'biomorphic' sculptors, Moore, Hepworth etc, while his subsequent career,

first as a scientific model-maker in the Natural History Museum, and subsequently as an animatronic model designer in the film industry, confirmed his abilities with realistic forms.



#### **Artist in Conversation**

Saturday 3 May at 5pm

#### **Private View**

Sunday 25 May 5-7pm

Open to the public

25 April - 6 May



An aerial photograph of a yellow RNLB (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) building situated on a pier. A large orange lifeboat is being launched from the building's open bay down a ramp into the water. The building has a corrugated metal roof and a blue railing around the deck. People are visible on the pier and the building's deck. The water is a deep greenish-blue.

# RNLI 200th Anniversary

## Norfolk & Norwich Festival

Crumer Town welcomes a major mixed media work of art which is touring the UK to mark the 200th anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

As part of this project, and in collaboration with artist Kate Munro, there will be an exhibition of work at Artspace on the Prom by local children and young people.

14-26 May

# Into the Blue Black

## Julie Oxenforth

Julie Oxenforth creates artwork and installations which attract interaction, play and curiosity. She experiments with colour, form, space, and scale to challenge our perception of ourselves and the world we live in.

Combining sculptural and painterly processes with found objects, she works intuitively to create environments for reflection.

## Artist in Conversation

Saturday 7 June at 5pm

## Private View

Thursday 29 May 5-7pm

Open to the public

29 May - 9 June



# Melusina

**Mary Blue**

**Artist in Conversation**

Saturday 21 June at 5pm

**Private View**

Thursday 19 June 5-7pm

Open to the public

Mary's paintings reflect upon the impermanence of life and the forces of nature.

She paints brilliant light and deep shadow, the far horizon and the passing of time. She is drawn to the delicate, the broken, and the most fleeting. These are timeless and possess a powerful resonance.

Her work raises awareness of human-induced issues and natural processes connected to ecosystems and environment.



12-23 June

# SCULPT

artspace



Many sculptors make drawings and maquettes as a way of thinking about their work and planning for production on a larger scale. These are often fascinating works of art in themselves.

Running parallel to the outside exhibition at the Grove, we have an exhibition at Artpace on the Prom of sculptors' drawings and maquettes, as well as some smaller works and pieces that are not suitable for outdoor exhibition. These pieces are from invited artists and extend the range of 3D work to be seen in Cromer this summer.

## **Artists in Conversation**

Saturday 5 July at 5pm

28 June - 14 July

Image: Peter Randall-Page A Little Bit of Infinity 2020

# SCULPTURE @

thegrove

**Cromer Artspace's** first site-specific outdoor sculpture exhibition is being held in the delightful grounds of **The Grove Hotel, Cromer.**

A 10 minute walk from the centre of town on Overstrand Road (A149), **The Grove** is a beautiful Georgian Country House Hotel set in 3 acres of garden. For details of their restaurants and facilities go to their website.

Dotted around the grounds will be site-specific works.

**sculpture@thegrove**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Open from 10am to dusk**

**Private View**

Sunday 29 June 6pm - Open to the public

**The Grove Hotel**

95 Overstrand Road, Cromer NR27 0DJ

Tel: 01263 512412

Email: [enquiries@thegrovecromer.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thegrovecromer.co.uk)

Web: [thegrovecromer.co.uk](http://thegrovecromer.co.uk)



**Full Day Poetry Workshop**

**Monday July 7 with James McDermott**

Writing in response to [sculpture@thegrove](mailto:sculpture@thegrove)

Booking at [cromer-artspace.uk](http://cromer-artspace.uk)

28 June - 16 July



**PRINT**

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19 July - 3 August

Building on its previous successes **PRINT CROMER** is back for its third year, showcasing original prints at Artspace on the Prom and around the town.

**Artists in Conversation**

Saturday  
26 July at 5pm

**Private View**

Saturday 19  
July 5-7pm  
Open to the public

# PRINT CROMER

## WORKSHOPS

### **BITE, SCRATCH, RESIST**

**Friday 18, 25 and Thursday 31 July**

**4.30-6.30pm** A series of 3 sessions at Artspace on the Prom focusing on the work of Women Printmakers led by Artist and Librarian Maria Pavledis. As well as looking at work, the sessions will have a hands-on creative element.

### **PRINT AND PROSECCO**

**Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 July**

**6.00-8.00pm** Popular workshops at Artspace on the Prom with Kate Munro, sculptor, maker and workshop leader.

### **FAMILY LETTERPRESS**

**Saturday 2 August - 2 sessions**

**10.45am-12.45pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm**

Join local artist Jane Kemp to try your hand at letterpress printing at Cromer Library.

Suitable for ages 8-11 years.

Booking essential, please speak to a member of staff in Cromer Library, or call 01263 512850 to reserve your space.



Full workshop details and essential booking at  
**[cromer-artspace.uk](http://cromer-artspace.uk)**

# Secret Auction

**Cromer Artspace Secret Auction** is a hotly anticipated event which offers the chance to purchase original works of art from famous to yet unknown artists.

**Bidding starts at just £20**, allowing everyone the opportunity to take part and a chance to own an original artwork - but you won't know whose work you have until you win the bid and get the work home - all

work is auctioned anonymously - the artists names are kept secret.

Online bidding takes place from August 9th with final bids taken on 25th August at 9pm. So get your bids in!!!

View all artworks and bid online at **[cromer-artspace.uk](http://cromer-artspace.uk)** or see them in the flesh (so to speak) at Artspace on the Prom.

# Ssshhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

9-25 August

# Outsiders

## Marc Davenant

An Arts Council Touring Exhibition with images by Marc Davenant, 'Outsiders', is a documentary photography project which captures a snapshot of homelessness in modern Britain over a six year period.



29 August - 14 September

# Showcasing Volunteers



**Cromer Artspace** is fortunate in having a large team of excellent volunteers, with a wide range of skills and expertise.

Many of our volunteers are also artists working in all sorts of different ways. Our volunteers enjoy working and talking together.

This show, back by popular demand from 2024, enables their different styles and personalities to mix and 'converse' in artworks on the wall, representing the team.

17 - 22 September



Arcs, and arches seem to appear frequently in the work of the **artdepotnr3 collective** and connote a variety of themes. The most overt of these is the arch as portal, as a gateway to another place. There is the obvious reference of an entrance to the sacred, or holy space, where there are opportunities to focus on things a little differently.

The arc is also a symbol of strength and longevity. This is at the very heart of the artdepot collective.

### **Artists in Conversation**

Saturday  
27 September  
at 5pm

# ARC

## Art Depot Collective



25 September - 5 October

# CROMER OPEN CALL

2025

An exciting exhibition featuring work by nationally and internationally recognised artists selected from **The Cromer OPEN CALL for submissions**

**Artists in Conversation** Saturday 25th October at 5pm

**Private View** Thursday 16 October 5-7pm - Open to the public

15-31 October

# Poetry inspired by art

We are fortunate to once again be working with **James McDermott** to bring poetry workshops to Cromer Artspace. These popular workshops run



alongside our exhibitions providing a space to write amongst the art. James is a published author, an Arvon writing tutor and lecturer in creative writing at UEA. His poetry collections include 'Father Myself', 'Wild Life' (shortlisted for The East Anglian Book Award 2023) and 'Manatomy'.

**January 13** - Beginnings

**February 3** - Spring

**March 3** - Lists

**April 14** - Poetry about the climate emergency

**May 12** - Lifeboats and Life Rafts

**June 2** - Found Poetry writing at UEA

**September 1** - Outsiders

**September 22** - Volunteering to be a Poet

**October 20** - Openness

**November 17** - Endings

**All workshops on Mondays at 4.30pm**

Workshops are 2 hours and cost £12 each  
Full workshop details and booking at  
**[cromer-artspace.uk](http://cromer-artspace.uk)**

**Monday  
July 7**  
Special full day  
workshop at  
**The Grove**  
POA

# Bursary Students

Thanks to the generosity of artists and visitors, Cromer Artspace has begun to build up a Bursary Fund to support emerging artists and those whose circumstances limit their access to exhibiting and developing their practice.

In 2025 we are running our first programme; three artists will be enabled to work on location in a rural residency, supported by established artists, to develop work at Artspace on the Prom in October and to exhibit together in 2026.

There will be an **Open Day on Saturday 11th October** when you can visit to see their work in progress.

# Residencies

Artspace on the Prom is a wonderful place for artists to work, filled with north light and the sound of the sea.

In 2025 we have four residencies taking place during the Spring. We are pleased to receive expressions of interest for November 2025 to March 2026.



# Behind the scenes...

**Cromer Artspace on the Prom** is housed in a beautiful 1930's Art Deco building along West Promenade at the bottom of a white washed zig-zag walkway that brings you down from the cliff walk above.

Starting life as the café servicing the beach huts built in the same block, the space became derelict and unloved when it was washed out by an abnormally large tide. It stood empty for many years until Cromer Artspace won the tender from North Norfolk District Council to bring the space into community use by opening a gallery.

Cromer Artspace has already raised enough funding to install a toilet area and a ramp allowing disabled access. In February 2025 the refurbished gallery with new walls, lighting and heating was unveiled. The installation of a kitchen is this year's priority.

## Donate...

Looking after such a beautiful building can have its challenges. Cromer Artspace raised £70,000 from grants and funding to completely tank the gallery space to ameliorate its damp problem and install vital heating and gallery lighting.

Cromer Artspace is run completely by volunteers - there are no paid employees.

If you would like to help us continue to bring the arts to Cromer, please donate at the QR code or go to **[cromer-artspace.uk](http://cromer-artspace.uk)**



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**Hornsea 3 Community Fund**



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# 2025 Artspace on the Prom

Open daily 11am to 4pm during exhibitions

**Free admission**

**22 March - 21 April**

Framerate - Pulse of the Earth  
(*Fri and Sat opening extended to 6pm*)

**25 April - 6 May**

Life Form - Graham High

**14 May - 26 May**

200th Anniversary of RNLI

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Volunteers Exhibition

**25 September - 5 October**

ARC - Art Depot Collective

**15 - 31 October**

Cromer Open

**All Summer**

**The Bigger Picture**, around the town

Pick up a separate leaflet with a map

**[cromer-artspace.uk](http://cromer-artspace.uk)**



**Cromer Artspace on the Prom**

West Promenade, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9FA

Overstrand Road to  
**sculpture@thegrove**