

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

## Salford Museum and Art Gallery

October - March 2019



*Enhancing the lives of people in Salford*

## Performance Report for Salford Museum and Art Gallery October 2018 – March 2019

### Key highlights include:

- Launch of ‘An A-Z of Salford’s Collection’, a fantastic new show in the Langworthy gallery showcasing a huge range of items from the museum’s collection
- Completion of the Victorian Gallery re-hang following emergency building works
- Return of Lark Hill Place to 1897 following the 2018 ‘Lark Hill Place 1918’ exhibition and completion of the Heritage Lottery Fund funded project
- Two on-going Masters placements for University of Manchester students
- Bonham’s valuation day
- Photography of all the Pilkington’s ceramics in the collection for future use online
- Temporary exhibitions by Emma Lloyd and Salford College Photography students have open and been very well received
- Gallery Babies is now running as a regular monthly session for our youngest visitors and their carers
- A new Gallery Yoga session was launched in January

### A-Z of Salford’s Collections

In March a new collections show ‘A-Z of Salford’s Collections’ was launched. The planning, development and delivery was undertaken by cross team working with a fantastic final result which is already proving very popular with visitors.

As part of the show the ‘Salford Buddha’ has been returned, which was a popular exhibit here until the early 1980s when it was moved into the care of Manchester Museum. The Buddha is back with the museum on loan whilst Manchester museum undergoes a redevelopment project and proudly represents the letter ‘B’ in the show.

*“I liked all the different objects with the letters they were all very amazing. I loved Lark Hill Place and the sweet shop”*

*“One of the nicest exhibitions I’ve been to!”*

*“Lots of history and unusual things which are great to look at.”*

*“Beautiful. Wow.”*



### Joint Exhibition

The launch of the ‘Acquired - a century of collecting’ exhibition in March 2019 showcased a fantastic joint exhibition with the University of Salford and highlights the two organisations’ art collections. To further interpret the art works on show the museum were delighted to work with Visual Arts students from the University of Salford who have each researched a piece on display and produced an artwork inspired by it – these are all also exhibited in the gallery.

The launch event saw the students, university teams, partners and dignitaries come together to celebrate the achievements of the exhibition and to promote the exciting work happening in partnership between the two organisations.

### **Event Space**

The museum and art gallery hosted a large scale event for the University of Salford Apprenticeship Degree Awards. The Langworthy Gallery was transformed into a beautiful dining experience for 90 guests. This was the largest seated catered event the museum has held and was extremely well received by all who attended.



### **Customer Feedback:**

*“Excellent mix of exhibitions- good shift between more traditional offer to more contemporary and challenging work”*

*“I loved Lark Hill Place because it looked so real and we got sweets from the sweet shop!”*

*“Amazing collection, couldn’t be more pleased with the gallery”*

*“Lovely museum. The main gallery is so beautiful, the ceiling is so ornate. Some interesting traditional and modern art. Some good stuff for kids to interact with. Lark Hill place was very popular and rightly so a wonderful recreation of a Victorian street. The cafe was good and reasonably priced. The shop had some wonderful local handmade goods. overall a lovely”*

### **Forthcoming events:**

- Full programme of family activities in the forthcoming school holidays and a new monthly ‘art academy’ workshop for ages 12 plus
- Programme of events to support the ‘A-Z’ exhibition including illustration workshops, calligraphy workshops and storytelling
- Joint events with Peel Park in including a Salford Safari

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