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Spring / Summer Art Classes from dot-art

We are delighted to announce our spring / summer programme of creative courses in a range of iconic arts venues across Merseyside, all of which are COVID secure. We have introduced a range of safety measures to keep everyone as safe as possible. Participant numbers are limited to allow everyone to feel comfortable keeping a safe distance, however, due to limited spaces early booking is essential.

If for any reason we are unable to deliver the course (for example a local lockdown) you will automatically receive a full refund, so you can book with full confidence. All our courses are suitable for beginners, but hurry, with reduced numbers, tickets are very limited! So come and join us to get creative at one of our inspiring venues, The Reader, FACT and the Anglican Cathedral.

At **FACT** we are delighted to have the use of **the BOX** for our classes, giving us lots of space for socially distanced learning! On Monday evenings we will be holding our popular course in **Drawing Techniques**; as tutor Sarah-Jane says, no matter what medium you enjoy using, be it paint, pastel or clay, learning the essential drawing techniques will magnify your creative ability. On Tuesday evenings, FACT will host our very popular **Life Drawing** course, temporarily relocated from the Bluecoat. This course is for those who want to work directly from both the nude and clothed model and will develop your skills in life drawing, including accurate measuring, shading and drawing techniques.

We are also returning to **Liverpool Cathedral** on Saturday 3rd and 17th July for **Sketching in the Anglican**, a unique opportunity for both beginners and experienced artists to spend a morning drawing and learning new skills in this fascinating location.

This season we are bringing back an old favourite, **Photowalks**! Starting from the **dot-art Gallery** in Queen Avenue, just off Castle Street, tutor Mark Reeves will lead small groups from the city's historical business district to several key sites around Liverpool's world-famous waterfront and landmarks, giving hints and tips on capturing the perfect photograph, whatever your camera. Choose from Sunday 6th June or 18th July.



Our ever-popular **dot-art Club** for creative children has relocated to **The Reader at Calderstones Mansion** in South Liverpool. These sessions for 8-12 year olds run in six week blocks, with the next one starting 9th June and will take place from 4-5.30pm on Wednesdays. Every week our young artists will be encouraged to develop their drawing skills and build a lifelong love of art under the expert guidance of artist Brigitte Watkinson.

Also at **The Reader**, we have the popular 10 week Tuesday evening course in **Textile Arts**, creating a range of nature based items using felting, stitching, sewing and printing. Tutor Catherine will also be running two 1 day workshops on consecutive Saturdays in **Lino Cut: Beginners** and **Lino Cut: Intermediate** which will introduce you to the materials and tools of lino cutting and printing before moving onto more in depth techniques on the second day.

Our other 10 week course this term is **Portrait Painting** with Kathy Dereli, where you will learn from a variety of exercises and tuition the essential techniques used to create beautiful portraits. We have 3 day courses, in **Landscape Painting** with award winning artist Jacob Gourley and **Watercolour Painting** with Roy Munday both of which are suitable for beginners or those wanting to develop their skills further.

Finally we have a set of single day workshops; **Sketching in the Park** - the perfect way to de-stress is through being creative in nature, on Saturday 19th June and Sunday 18th July, and a **Cyanotype Sunprint Workshop** which will introduce you to the use of a traditional Victorian photographic technique as a way of creating unique artistic images, on 12th June.

Full details, prices and booking information can be found here: dot-art.co.uk/art-classes. These courses often sell out, so don't delay!



Course	Dates / Times	Venue	Cost
Drawing Techniques	Mondays from 24 May 6.45-9pm	FACT	£160 for 10 classes
Life Drawing	Tuesdays from 1 June 6.45 - 9pm	FACT	£160 for 10 classes.
Sketching in the Anglican	Saturday 3 July Saturday 17 July 11am-2pm	Liverpool Cathedral	£25
Photowalk	Sunday 6 June Sunday 18 July 2-5pm	Liverpool City Centre	£35
dot-art Club (10-13 years)	Wednesdays from 9 June 4-5.30pm	The Reader	£75 for 5 classes
Portrait Painting	Tuesdays from 31 May 3-5pm	The Reader	£160 for 10 classes
Textile Arts	Mondays from 12 October 5.30-7.30pm	The Reader	£175 for 10 classes
Lino Cut: Beginners	Saturday 26 June 11am-5pm	The Reader	£50
Lino Cut: Intermediate	Saturday 3 July 11am-5pm	The Reader	£50
Landscape Painting	Sundays 27 June, 4, 11 July 11am – 5pm	The Reader	£125 for 3 days
Watercolour Painting	Sundays 6, 13, 20 June 11am – 5pm	The Reader	£125 for 3 days



Sketching in the Park	Saturday 19 June Sunday 18 July 11am – 5pm	The Reader	£50
Cyanotype Sunprint Workshop	Saturday 12 June 11am – 5pm	The Reader	£50

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High resolution images available on request.

Notes to editors.

dot-art supports visual artists and champions art as an integral part of everyday life.

We do this by selling locally sourced, affordable art, working with businesses to put art in the workplace and public realm, running art classes and working with schools and community groups.

All this is underpinned by our unique membership scheme for artists in the North West which gives access to all the activities above and a package of support and advice, creating and developing artists' careers.

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