

**The Cover of a Book
is the Beginning
of a Journey**

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**Leeds Met
Gallery &
Studio Theatre**

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interact
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Preview

Thursday 23 April, 6-8pm

The Cover of a Book is the Beginning of a Journey proposes a hands-on approach to engaging with books, playing with shifting roles of writer and reader, audience and participant. With a focus on artists' books that either give rise to or are derived from actions this highly interactive exhibition expands over its duration as a result of public engagement.

Sporadically throughout the exhibition students from BA Fine Art and Art, Event, Performance will be activating and carrying out instructions. Browse the books and initiate your own actions.

Throughout the exhibition:

- 1) Be one of the 100 visitors to bring an object that is certainly not art, to display for the duration of the exhibition (Cesare Pietroiusti & Platform).

2) Take a red dot and place it somewhere in the Gallery on an item not intended to be looked at (ref. Jimmie Durham).

3) Cut out question marks from newspapers or magazines and affix them to things you want to question, photograph and bring to the Gallery (Július Koller).

Saturday 25 April, 2-4pm

Meet at Leeds Met Gallery. Once there, await further instruction.

Saturday 9 May, 2-4pm

Write an instruction for other people to carry out and bring anything they'll need to do it (Hans Ulrich Obrist).

Conway and Young are artists, designers and lecturers interested in the intersection between design and other disciplines. Combining education, art and community engagement, they work within local areas, engaging with creativity and art in all its forms.

Saturday 2 May

Page turning exercise

At exactly 2.00pm, 2.30pm, 3.00pm or 3.30pm please bring your favourite book to the Gallery, find a Gallery Assistant and identify yourself as a participant.

Wednesday 6 May, all day

This instruction is for you

Conway and Young invite you to do or disregard.

The Cover of a Book is the Beginning of a Journey is an Arnolfini Project in collaboration with the University of the West of England.

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Christopher Hall and Alexander Kelly take aspects of Alex's personal history as the starting point for two engaging DVD projections looking at the nature of language and the written word. Each work weaves a kind of narrative from the key moments in life that define who we are and how we relate to the world around us.

23 Postcards From America

In 1975, when Alex was a young boy, his father travelled America and wrote to him almost every day. As the postcards appear the piece evokes not only a particular time in the artist's life but captures the essence of an era, before the internet and accessible global communication.

The Chapter Titles From The Unwritten Book Of My Life Story

A blackboard stands silently; chalk-written titles appear, projected on it, from the unwritten book of Alex's life so far. This strangely mesmerising work presents a story told in chapter titles – some ambiguous and some obvious, all personal and all open to interpretation by the viewer.

24 April - 23 May opening hours:

Mon-Sat 11am-5pm

Wed 11am-7pm

Closed on Monday 4 May.

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The Statue of Liberty

EVOLUTION

The acclaimed **EVOLUTION** festival returns for 2009 in venues across Leeds. This year Leeds Met Gallery will host three evenings as part of this showcase of the best in contemporary experimental film and sound.

Wednesday 13 May, 6-8pm

Join us for a drink to celebrate the launch of the **EVOLUTION** festival with screenings from The Projection Gallery – one of the UK's leading artist's film and video collectives and international arts agency Lux.

The following events are £5 each, to book call 0113 812 5998.

Thursday 14 May, 6-8pm

Blink present an evening of work and discussion around misusing online and mobile communications.

Friday 15 May, 5.30-6.40pm

A programme of films that explore the theme Journey.

7-8pm

A screening from the London based artists' collective The Projection Gallery with one of the artists, Sheena Macrae, discussing her work.

EVOLUTION 13-15 May 09



For more details go to
www.lumen.org.uk

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Art Walk

Wednesday 6 May

A whistle-stop tour visiting the pick of the month's exhibitions and a chance to view exhibitions with fellow art lovers including a stop at Leeds Met Gallery. For full details go to the blog <http://leedsartwalk.wordpress.com/>.

Young Curators

Following the success of this year's Young Curators we are asking for expressions of interest from 16-19 year olds with interest in a career in galleries and museums, to take part in the scheme in the new academic year.

Please email Shelley Hollingdrake on s.hollingdrake@leedsmet.ac.uk.

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Friday 5 June, 6-8.30pm

Clare Charnley, Conway and Young,
Alan Dunn, Harold Offeh and Rory Macbeth.

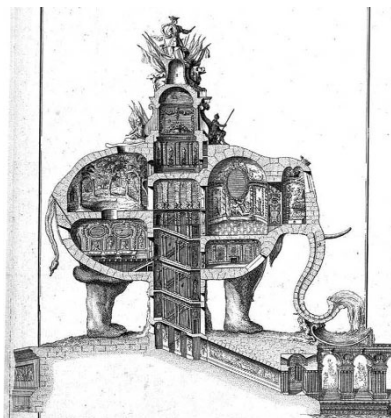
This work by new lecturers at Leeds Met gives a glimpse of the other half of the exchange taking place between students and staff.

Recent Appointments makes public what six 'artists who teach' do when they are outside the lecture theatre, the studios and the canteen.

Showing alongside the graduating students' final exhibitions at Leeds Met, **Recent Appointments** includes the launch of Alan Dunn's new audio CD project inspired by The Beatles' 1968 collage 'Revolution 9' and new participatory work by designers Conway and Young. Harold Offeh presents a small selection of recent video and performance work. Also working with video, Clare Charnley and collaborators attempt the ridiculous task of fitting two bodies into one. We see the results of Rory Macbeth's translation of a Kafka novel from German into English without a dictionary or any knowledge of German. And there might be a boat...

To coincide with the graduate Arts Festival, **Recent Appointments** will be open Monday-Saturday, 11am - 4pm plus Sunday 7 June.

Recent Appointments 6-26 Jun 09



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**Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 July
12-4pm**

Leeds Met Gallery's art sale brings together a selection of unique contemporary works.

Instead of buying a mass produced print, this is a chance to express your individuality by buying a fresh and original piece of art to take home and enjoy for years. Browse and buy affordable art works in a relaxed atmosphere. Make an investment in art with the Own Art scheme and if you need a little encouragement we'll be on hand to help you make the right purchase. On sale from under £100 and up to £1000 the works are keenly priced to offer great value.

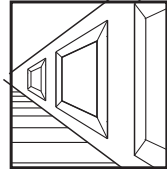
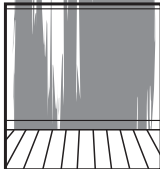
Own Art provides people with the opportunity to apply for an interest free loan of up to £2,000 to help finance the purchase of works of art.

www.artscouncil.org.uk/ownart

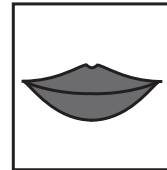
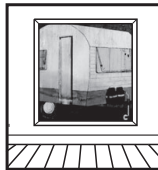
On Your Wall 4-5 Jul 09

**Social
Friday 3 July, 5-7pm**

After a long week at work, treat yourself. Come to the Gallery and wind down with a cool drink. You might find something to fill that space on your wall or just meet like minded people in a relaxed, social atmosphere.



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