

Artists in Residence

Portsmouth Welcomes

Four International Artists from Beijing

Presented by Kings Theatre and Portsmouth Festivities
Monday 15 June – Saturday 27 June

Four of Beijing's most prestigious artists will be coming to Portsmouth for a two-week residency from 15 – 27 June as part of a Portsmouth Festivities/Kings Theatre initiative.

Nicola Rivelli, Han Zhibing, Zhong Yan and Jin He will be artists-in-residence at the Kings Theatre, HMS Warrior 1860 and the Mountbatten Centre. Drawing inspiration from their visit to Portsmouth and the locations they are working in, they'll create new works in their individual styles.

There will also be a host of opportunities to meet the artists, participate in the workshops and see them at work.



Nicola Rivelli - bronze and clay sculptor

Rivelli is an Italian sculptor who has made a home and career for himself in China. His sculpture of for the 2008 Olympic Games drew world-wide attention.

Han Zhibing - Chinese calligrapher and painter
President of China painting and calligraphy art research institute
Mountain.



Zhong Yan - abstract painter

Yan's work as the 'Oriental Picasso' combines the cultural elements of east and West, with a unique pen to create a powerful breadth of space, which handle colour and changing light levels.

Jin He (Zheng He) - fiberglass sculpture
He seems to prefer the reduction of 'sculpture', the mostly primitive form, and in this kind of visual structure he gives his personalised emotional expression.



Events

Zhing Yan and Han Zhibing

Exhibition Open Evening

Coastguard Studio
Saturday 20 June, 6pm
Free, just turn up

Nicole Rivelli and Jin He

Exhibition Open Evening

Kings Theatre, Portsmouth
Monday 22 June, 6pm
Free, just turn up

Meet the Artists: Nicola Rivelli

On board at HMS Warrior 1860
Wednesday 24 June, 1pm
Free, but do book

Meet the Artists: Jin He

No. 28 Kings Theatre Portsmouth
Wednesday 24 June, 3pm
Free, but do book

Workshop: Zhong Yan – Abstract Painting

On board at HMS Warrior 1860
Monday 22 June. 1pm
£25 (inc. all materials), must be booked in advanced
Workshop limited to 5 participants

Workshop: Nicola Rivelli – Traditional wax

On board at HMS Warrior 1860
Thursday 25 June. 1pm
£25 (inc. all materials), must be booked in advanced
Workshop limited to 5 participants

Workshop: Jin He - Sculpture

Mountbatten Centre
Thursday 25 June, 10am
£25 (inc. all materials), must be booked in advanced
Workshop limited to 5 participants

Workshop: Han Zhibing – Chinese Calligraphy

Mountbatten Centre
Thursday 25 June, 1pm
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Workshop limited to 5 participants

Following their two weeks in Portsmouth, they'll be heading to Oxford for a residency as part of the Oxford Arts Festival, <http://www.artsfestivaloxford.org/whats-on/art-and-film/international-artists-residency>

Further information about this international projects www.kingsportsmouth.co.uk

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