

# The Art Circle

March 2020

Durham University's Art Collection Newsletter

Hello Art Circle! The beginning of this month has been very busy, with *Pushing paper: contemporary drawing from 1970 to now* being installed at the Oriental Museum, and the de-installation of *Norman Cornish: The Sketchbooks* at Palace Green Library.

As the Art Collection has no permanent gallery you will often find us moving between University Library & Collections, museums and galleries.

At the end of February the Student Art Prize deadline came to a close, and we were amazed with the creative, innovative and diverse works that were submitted. We're pleased that some of the submissions which are now working their way through the panel are now working their way through the panel. What this space for further announcements!

Oriental Museum  
Durham University

The British  
Museum



**Pushing paper:  
contemporary drawing  
from 1970 to now**

An exhibition illustrating how  
contemporary artists are pushing  
their ideas, pushing the  
medium in new directions.

20 February - 17 May 2020

#Pushingpaper

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As part of *Pushing paper: contemporary drawing from 1970 to now*, you will see an Art Community display: Durham Community Centre.

To ensure the exhibition continues to be truly collaborative, student artists from Durham Sixth Form Centre (DSFC) were invited to exhibit their work as part of the exhibition. The student artists will also be visiting the museum for careers days. The students will tour the exhibition, write up interesting routes into different arts careers by talking to the University's Library & Collections team.

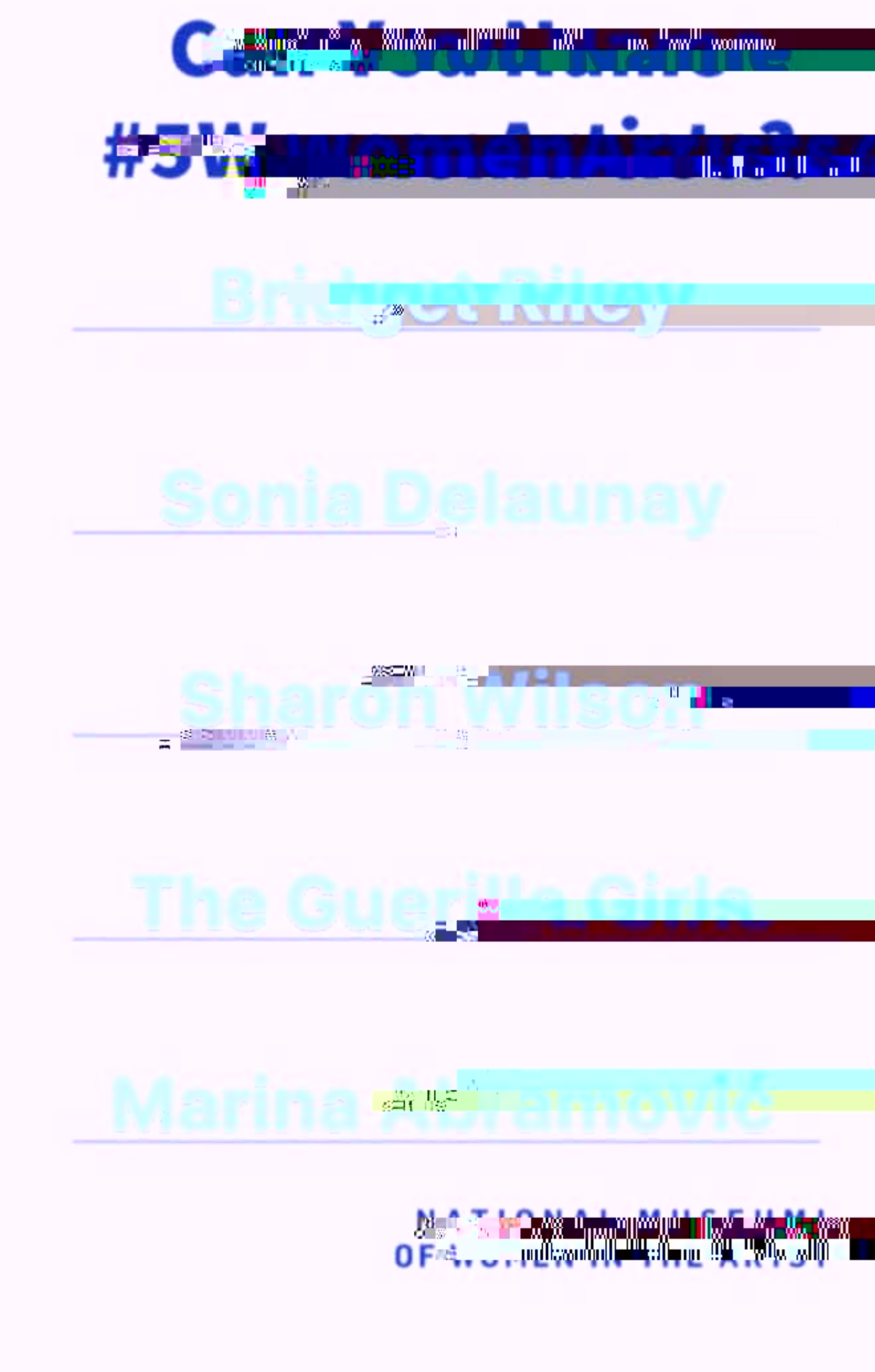
Also on display as part of the Art Community exhibition are works created by the Oriental Museum's 'Living with dementia or long term health challenges' group. The group was established in July 2019 with funding from the University's Library & Collections team. The group uses paper cutting and folding techniques, creating the artworks displayed in *Pushing paper: contemporary drawing*.

Read a student's review of the exhibition in the current issue of the Palatinate Newspaper or read it online.

View the exhibition on the British Museum website.

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Up and coming events for 2020...

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our upcoming events due to the current notice.

Following advice from Public Health England and the University is implementing a new set of actions to keep our communities healthy by reducing potential exposure to the virus. Our museums will, at the moment, remain open but we are putting on hold all activities, workshops, events and clubs until further notice.

Thank you for your co-operation with these measures. We are sure you share our concern for the health and well-being of our community. In this rapidly changing situation, you can check the University's website, where we are constantly updating Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). We will update you as soon as we can.

Hidden Treasures

Revealing the hidden treasures of the University's Art Collection on outreach to Evenwood's Community Centre. The project, Hidden Treasures brought together geocaching, digital arts and poetry to explore Evenwood's rich cultural history.

As part of the celebration we created a pop-up exhibition of artwork by Marina Abramovic, Lady Kitt, Dambudzi Elizabeth Ebo and Graham Sutherland alongside artworks by local people who live in the area. The exhibition was a success and we will be evaluating the works on display, content and delivery for the Award.

You can see below Emily, from the Art Team, in a mini made at the celebration event.



ART EXHIBITION



What are ICAN (Inter-College Art Network) events?

ICAN is a network of art societies across Durham University's College Art Societies to help network and promote events and ongoing ideas.

Traveyan College Art Society hosted their annual Art Competition this year, focusing around the theme of wellbeing. You can find out more about the competition and results in the document attached to this email.

Durham University Art Society will be hosting a life drawing class next week.