

**Learning disabled artists present their final exhibition in the *Perspectives* series in the heart of Manchester city centre - supported by Bruntwood
29 January – 6 February 2019**



Image: 'Self Portrait' by Ahmed Mohammed, oil pastel on paper, 2018.

City centre Bruntwood space - Manchester One, will host the final exhibition to complete the PERSPECTIVES series – a variety of exhibitions, happenings and creative exchanges proudly presented by [Venture Arts](#), a visual arts organisation who support and nurture the work and careers of learning disabled artists.

From October 2018 through to February 2019 and showcasing over 80 learning disabled artists, Venture Arts have been delivering a program of exhibitions, happenings and accompanying events across Manchester and Salford. Previous venues have included; [Fred Aldous Ltd](#), [The Manchester Contemporary](#), [Elizabeth Gaskell's House](#), [The Lowry](#), [the Whitworth \(Thursday Lates takeover\)](#), and Studio 53, Venture Arts' new studio and exhibition space with their finale at Manchester One, 53 Portland Street.

Artworks displaying themes around collections that have been developed over the last two years will be celebrated through a variety of media including, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, photography and textile pieces. Highlights include the work by multidisciplinary artist Terry Williams and his grainy black and white photographs documenting times gone by and holiday memories, that capture his sense of northern nostalgia. Ahmed Mohammed, who found success at The Manchester Contemporary 2017 selling his first exhibited triptych, will display abstract family portraits, new vivacious and densely layered oil pastel works. Horace Lindezey also shares his enthralling fascination with weddings, and everything associated with them, across clay, embroidery and photomontage. On the 2nd of February, 1-3pm, there will be a chance to meet the artist, eat cake and reminisce about wedding stories with the opportunity to contribute photographs and images to inform and inspire the artist to create new work.

Venture Arts, Director, Amanda Sutton says: *'We are over the moon to be showing this work in collaboration with Bruntwood in the heart of the City. This promises to be the best of the series with wonderful works and collections being shown by some of our most talented artists. I would urge everyone to pop by and see us. One of us will be on hand throughout to show you the works and tell you a little more about the artists involved'*

Kate Vokes, director of culture at Bruntwood, said: "We're proud to be supporting Venture Arts with this important exhibition, which will provide a platform to showcase the talents of learning disabled artists in Manchester. At Bruntwood we're committed to creating thriving cities and a key part of that is supporting a wide range of cultural activity – promoting accessibility and creativity."

"Last year Bruntwood supported more than 30 inspiring arts and cultural organisations across Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool and Birmingham and we're looking forward to being involved with a host of exciting projects in 2019, including Tedx Manchester, The Bruntwood Prize for Playwriting, Bluedot Festival and, of course, the Final Perspectives Exhibition at Manchester One."

Perspectives will share not only the different perspectives of the artists in terms of their artwork and disciplines, but also how they view and exist in the world today as practicing contemporary artists with learning disabilities.

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PERSPECTIVES opens on Tuesday 29th January until Sunday 5th February 2019 at Manchester One, 53 Portland street, M1 3LD.

For further information or images or to arrange interviews please contact Kate Royle or Amanda Sutton, Venture Arts on comms@venturearts.org / Amanda@venturearts.org or telephone 0161 232 1223. www.venturearts.org

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Events

Meet the Artist: Share Your Wedding Stories with Horace Lindezey

2nd February | 1-3pm

Venue: Manchester One, 53 Portland Street, Manchester, Greater Manchester M1 3LD

FREE | Limited space available. Book tickets via Eventbrite – <http://bit.ly/ShareYourWeddingStories>

Listing Information

Exhibition Title: Perspectives Final Exhibition - Exhibitions | Happenings | Creative Exchanges

Exhibition Dates: 29 January – 5 February 2019

Exhibition Preview: Manchester One | Tuesday 29th January | 6-8pm

Open: Monday- Friday, 10am-4pm and Saturday 11am-3pm

Venue: Manchester One, 53 Portland Street, Manchester, Greater Manchester M1 3LD

Press Previews: 29th January 5pm-6pm

NOTES TO EDITORS:-

Venture Arts is a progressive visual arts organisation based in Hulme, Manchester. It works supporting learning disabled artists to create and show new visual art work using a range of art mediums including Illustration, Photography, Moving image, Animation, Textile art, Ceramics, Painting and Multimedia. The organisation's vision is to see learning disabled people play a valued and valuable role within arts and culture as artists, critics, audiences, advocates and workers. To this effect it delivers over 1500 visual arts workshops per year working with over 200 people, and run work schemes which help learning disabled people to work and volunteer in cultural and educational environments. Venture Arts showcase the work of its artists locally, nationally and internationally. For more information please visit www.venturearts.org

Venture Arts is part of Arts Council England's National Portfolio and is a cultural partner of Manchester City Council 2018-22.

PERSPECTIVES final exhibition is kindly hosted by: **Bruntwood**



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