

## Press Release

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### Reading Guild of Artists celebrate the (BIG) Draw of Oscar Wilde

Help Reading Guild of Artists (RGA) celebrate 'Oscar Wilde and The Critic as Artist' exhibition, Reading Museum, Monday 23 October 2017, 10am to 4pm. The activity day consists of drop-in sessions, is suitable for all ages, free, though donations are welcome.

Some whacky events will be taking place throughout the day, including:

- Join RGA artists drawing **outside the Museum** (if the weather is kind to us!)
- **Fancy drawing on white tablecloths in the Palmers café seating area, ground floor?** Come and give it a go with one of our artists
- Why not come to the **Box Room, on the ground floor** – and have go at making a 3D flowers here? We might be able to tie them to the stairs going up to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd floors
- **Activity Cart, Atrium, second floor** – the sewing volunteers will be making fabric flowers 10.30 – 12pm. To display on stairs on activity cart. Drawing to continue here afterwards.
- **Drop into the Art Gallery, on second floor** – and have a look at the main exhibition – the wooden staircase. Someone from the RGA will be drawing structures alongside figures maybe even drawing staff and visitors
- **Visit the Windows Gallery, second floor** – which is a great place for drawing to take place, lots of light & sculpture. There's a small

figure of Oscar Wilde in here – would you like to try drawing some large images from it?

Anthony Wilder, chairman RGA, said: "The fabulous artists at the RGA will be on hand to help you adorn the Museum with Oscar's favourite flowers and respond to the works of art on display. Be inspired by Oscar's wonderful short stories, including The Happy Prince, The Remarkable Rocket and The Selfish Giant. Borrow a pen and pencil, pick up a board from our gallery drawing boxes and start to create your own masterpieces! No experience necessary, all welcome."

"The RGA has been working with a number of like-minded groups and individuals to celebrate the life and works of the witty and talented Oscar Wilde. We have taken part in the Big Draw for a number of years now and wanted this year to continue celebrating Oscar Wilde. We are especially grateful to Reading Museum for hosting the Drop in day."

Further information on the Reading Guild of Artists, can be found by visiting <http://www.rga-artists.org.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingGuildofArtists/>

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**Photo Opportunity**

Reporters and photographers are warmly invited to the BIG Draw, Monday 23 October between 11am and 12.30pm. Please confirm attendance by calling 07503 156128 or emailing [publicity@rga-artists.org.uk](mailto:publicity@rga-artists.org.uk)

**Note to Editors:**

The Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930. It has a membership of over 150 artists and plays an active role in the development of artists in Reading.