

## Press Release

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### **It's 'twins' for Reading Guild of Artists!**

Postcards designed by Reading Guild of Artists' (RGA) artists Martin Andrews and Thérèse Lawlor have been selected to represent Reading in an international project which celebrates 30 years' twinning Düsseldorf with Reading.

Düsseldorf is celebrating 30 years of town twinning with Reading this year (2018) (together with the towns of Haifa, and Chemnitz) and to commemorate this milestone anniversary, people from all three towns are invited to send a postcard, together with their good wishes or thoughts on sister cities.

The Reading Düsseldorf Association is printing a set of only 100 A6 postcards for the event and Martin and Thérèse's designs will be two of the four selected winning designs. They will be for sale over the next month at Reading's Central Library on Saturday 2 June, 10am–1pm and again on Saturday 16 June, 11am–5pm RDA stand at Waterfest, Riverside Walk (near the old Homebase building) or contact [info@reading-dusseldorf.org.uk](mailto:info@reading-dusseldorf.org.uk)

Martin Andrews, artist and member of the Reading Guild of Artists, said: "The Reading Düsseldorf Association is a wonderful organisation and I am delighted that it is still going strong. As well as creating friendships, the Association also provides an opportunity to promote the rich history of the town and encourage visitors from home and abroad. I was delighted that my design was selected and to be able to contribute to an organisation that is so worthwhile."

Thérèse Lawlor, Reading Guild of Artist member, said: "It's really nice that my image of the Abbey Gateway was chosen to represent Reading. It is a great honour to be an ambassador for Reading and for the long and successful twinning we share with Düsseldorf."

"I love painting scenes from around the town, and the Abbey Gateway is a favourite of mine. It's great to think that some Reading people will use

my postcard to send to friends and family abroad to remind them of home and amazing to think it may even be sent to someone in one of our twin towns!"

Anthony Wilder, chairman of the Reading Guild of Artists, said: "The RGA is tremendously proud to be involved in this project, and love working in partnership with other groups in the town to promote Reading's heritage and culture. I am delighted that two of artists' designs were chosen. Well done to Thérèse and Martin!

"The RGA will have more small artworks, paintings and cards on show (and for sale) at the Reading Museum during Waterfest on Saturday 16 June. Do come along and stock up on postcards and other presents to show support for Reading's rich heritage."

**The small artworks sale is Saturday 16 June, Reading Museum, during Waterfest.**

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 attached**

Attached is a photo of Martin Andrews and Thérèse Lawlor with their winning postcards.

**Note to Editors:**

Interviews can be arranged with Thérèse Lawlor and Martin Andrews, please call Carole Stephens on 07746 862249 direct, to arrange.

The Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930. It has a membership of over 170 artists and plays an active role in the development of artists in Reading.