

## Press Release

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### **Reading Abbey revealed – Reading Guild of Artists join in**

Reading Guild of Artists (RGA) will be taking part in the celebrations of the long-awaited opening of the Abbey ruins at 'Reading Abbey Revealed' on Saturday 16 June. The event coincides with Water Fest along the River Kennet.

On Saturday 16 June, the RGA will have a one-day pop-up sale between 10.30am and 3.30pm in Reading Museum, where the Reading Abbey Revealed trail starts. The Museum will be open 10am – 4pm. Throughout the day RGA artists will be working 'en plein air' around the Museum Quarter. In the Museum there will be an RGA 'small works sale' and free workshop opportunities for children.

Anthony Wilder, chairman, Reading Guild of Artists, said: "I am delighted that the Reading Guild of Artists is taking part in this historic event of the Abbey being revealed. It is great to celebrate the rich history and heritage of Reading.

"It will be a fantastic day with plenty of opportunity to take part and get involved in all the various activities. The children's activities I hope will inspire and encourage the next generation of artists. It should be a great day out for the family, and why not combine the day with a visit to the Reading 'Water Fest', and the RGA Summer Show at The University of Reading, London Road Campus, RG1 5AQ?"

"Reading residents and visitors will, I am sure, put the Abbey on their 'must see' itinerary and once again confirming Reading's strong links with culture, history and the arts."

Cllr Sarah Hacker, lead councillor for culture, sport & consumer services, said: "It's great to have the oldest art organisation in Reading supporting the historic opening of the Abbey! The Reading Guild of Artists have been active in the town for nearly 90 years and they are part of the fabric of

the town. I'm looking forward to visiting their art sale at the Museum and seeing how their artists interpret the history of Reading Abbey. Do stop by and have a chat with them, I know they'll love to talk to visitors at the museum and the surrounding areas as they record the scenes of this happy day in paint and pastel,"

For more information about what else is going on that day take a look at the [Reading Museum](#) website. The outdoor Abbey programme is 11am – 5pm.

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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