

## Press Release

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### **Reading Guild of Artists' Online Exhibition, 'Celebrating our Town – Discover Reading' (Expanded & Revisited!)**

The Reading Guild of Artists (RGA) is pleased to announce a new 'Guest Choice' from its online exhibition 'Celebrating our Town – Discover Reading'. Broadcaster, writer, curator and Radio 3 presenter, Fiona Talkington has chosen Mohan Banerji's 'The Royal Berkshire Hospital'. Reading is Fiona's home town and she says although she has seen so little of the town over the last year, the RGA online exhibition has allowed her to 'step foot' into Reading again.

'The Royal Berkshire Hospital' was chosen from the many works of art that Fiona would have liked to hang on her own walls. She was drawn to the image time and time again and admired the way Mohan "gently shaped the stately frontage of this familiar Reading landmark, so it seems to step forward to welcome us. We are reminded of the outstanding care we find inside".

Mohan Banerji was thrilled to learn that Fiona had picked his painting – his response - "what a wonderful New Year present!"

The RGA has received many positive comments from virtual visitors to the online exhibition. During 2021 it is hoped that it will be possible to mount actual exhibitions but in the meantime we are reminded that art does much to enhance our lives and well-being, albeit online.

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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**Photos attached: 'The Royal Berkshire Hospital'** by Mohan Banerji

**Note to Editors:**

The Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930. It has a membership of nearly 200 artists and plays an active role in the development of artists in Reading and the surrounding areas.