

Uist and Barra Art on the Map Trail 2022

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June – July – August 2022: a trail around artists' studios, arts businesses and related events

June 1st sees the welcome return of Art on the Map, the annual summer trail around the art venues of Uist and Barra. It will run until the end of August.

This summer there are 30 participants. The artists are a mixture of professional and amateur, full time and part time. The trail takes people the whole length of the island group, from Berneray to Barra (including the islands of Berneray, North Uist, Grimsay, Benbecula, South Uist and Barra)

Entry to all venues is free of charge.

The trail offers a wide range of art and craft forms, including painting, prints, ceramics, photography, weaving, installations, book-binding, antler-crafts, knitting and candle-making.

Venues range from dedicated studios to more domestic spaces, from established galleries to pop up events in community halls. The trail will show you parts of the island and local life that might be otherwise inaccessible.

Visitors can browse the artist profiles on our website to identify interesting artists and use the interactive Google map in each profile to find their location. There's also a daily list of what's on. Visit the website at:

- <https://uistarts.org/>

A leaflet giving an overview of the trail is also available locally. And our roadside Art on the Map Exhibition signs appear outside each venue

Visitors can also drop in to the annual Summer Exhibition to see samples of members' work. The exhibition runs from July 2nd to August 6th at the Taigh Chearsabagh Museum and Arts Centre in Lochmaddy. An in-gallery assistant (local art student Sif Nielsen) will be available to answer any questions on the exhibition, the artists or the Art on the Map Trail

The event is organised by the Uist Arts Association (UAA) as an opportunity for its members to display and sell their artwork. Due to Covid restrictions, this year's trail is the first event since 2019.

The UAA chairman Catherine Yeatman says:

- “We are so pleased to be back with Art on the Map for this summer. There is a thriving community of artists and makers spread throughout Uist and Barra, and this is such a great opportunity for people to meet them and their work.”

Louise Cook, ceramicist and owner of Shoreline Stoneware in Locheport, North Uist, says:

- “Its wonderful to have Art on the Map happening again this year. Its a huge attraction for visitors to our islands over the summer. Visiting the open studios is a fabulous way to learn more about artists whose work you enjoy and take the opportunity to talk to them about their inspiration and creative processes. One of the questions I'm asked on a regular basis is "when is the art trail happening?" So its a real treat to have the event running for three months over the summer.”

Marnie Keltie, a painter from Baleshare, North Uist says:

- “My studio is small and crammed with collected scraps and beach-combed ephemera which I convince myself will inspire or even become an artwork some day. Presenting my work requires evaluating and editing it objectively - and it also forces me to tidy up a bit!”

Further information

Visit the Media information pages of our Art on the Map website at

- <https://uistarts.org/art-on-the-map-media-page/>

The media pages include:

- Print quality images of artworks and venues
- Previous interviews with some of the Art on the Map Participants
- Contact details for all the participating artists and venues
- Links to our social media feeds for daily updates on Art on the Map activities and other island arts and culture news

Media are welcome to contacts directly using the information in the website profiles. Alternatively, the Uist Arts Association can help in making contacts.

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Website links:

- Art on the Map Website: <https://uistarts.org/>
- Media pages: <https://uistarts.org/art-on-the-map-media-page/>

Social Media links:

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UistArts>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UAAgroup>
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