

Vera Blagev

London-based Abstract Artist

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Background:

Vera creates vibrant colourful abstract artwork. She draws her inspiration from the striking colours and patterns found in nature. Having lived abroad (Bulgaria and the USA) and travelled widely to more than 50 countries, Vera has been inspired by the landscapes and people she has met on her travels. She creates mixed media paintings, and is especially interested in using water-based media (such as inks) that show the fluidity and movement of water and light. For the past eight years, Vera has been based in London working from her home in Southfields as well as her art studio in Wimbledon Art Studios.

Select Previous Exhibitions:

- Wimbledon Art Studios Open Studios (May 12 - 15 2016)
- Wandsworth Arts Fringe Festival (May 7 - 8 2016)
- Harrogate International Visual Arts Expo "HIVE" (November 20 - 22, 2015), inaugural art fair in Harrogate
- Windsor Contemporary Art Fair (November 13 - 15, 2015), eleventh annual art fair in Windsor
- Wandsworth Artists' Open House 2015 (October 3 - 4 2015 and October 10-11 2015), annual artist open house trail
- Southwark Arts Forum pop-up events and special art exhibitions (May 21- 24 2014 and December 5, 2014)
- Putney Pier Art Market (June 2015, July 2015, September 2015)
- The Islington Contemporary Art & Design Fair at Candid Arts (October 3 - 5 2014)
- Camden Lock Live Festival (July 11 2014)
- Dulwich Festival Artist Open House (April 25 - May 31 2014)
- Kulak Art Company, Woodbury, Minnesota, USA (March 2007 - June 2008)
- Visual Artist Studio, Richmond, Virginia, USA, Group Show (February - March 2006)
- Bertaux Gallery, Ellicott City, Maryland, USA, Solo Show (September - October 2005)

Select Upcoming Exhibitions:

- A & D Gallery (Marylebone, London) as part of inaugural Pebeo Mixed Media Competition 2016 Prize (June 7 - 11 2016)
- Salon des Refuses at SPACE Gallery in Hackney, London (June 23-26 2016)
- Wandsworth Artists' Open House 2016 (October 1 - 2 2016), annual artist open house trail
- Wimbledon Art Studios Open Studios (November 10 - 13 2016)

Art prizes, awards and other achievements:

- DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Grant (2005)
- Two winning artwork entries for Pebeo's inaugural Mixed Media 2016 Competition Art Prize

Press and publications:

- South London Press, May 19 2016, "Wild and wacky work as artists open their doors", one of five artists highlighted in coverage of Wimbledon Art Studios Event (out of 150 artists)
- SW Resident, May 2016 (special mention and recommendation for own Artist Open House event as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe Festival)
- Wandsworth Radio (October 2 2015), featured as one of two artists speaking live about the Wandsworth Artist Open House Event 2015
- Colourful Radio (July 23 2015), featured as the local business of the week speaking live about my artwork
- Vintage Life Magazine, December 2014 (published artist written article about upcycling old books to create new works of art)
- Regular blogger at own blog (<https://www.veraveraonthewall.com/blogs/news>) and guest blogger for other blogs (including Wimbledon Art Studio's new blog - <http://www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk/open-studios/blog/>)

Projects:

- Founder of London Professional Artist Meetup Network (February 2016) – a new professional network for London based professional artists who are serious about creating, exhibiting, and selling artwork. Organizing monthly networking drinks, running monthly professional workshops, organizing future exhibitions, and maintaining four dedicated social media channels for network (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest). More info at <https://www.veraveraonthewall.com/pages/london-professional-artists-meetup>
- Founder of #threelittlewords project (April 10 2016) – a new project aiming to encourage people to share three little words that inspire, motivate and mean something. More info at <https://www.veraveraonthewall.com/pages/the-threelittlewords-project>

Collections and Commissions:

- Undertaken several special commission for original artwork based on particular size and colour preference for clients in the USA and the UK
- Vera's artwork is held in personal collections in several countries including the UK, the USA, Brazil, Sweden, Bulgaria, and Turkey

Social Media Links:

- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/VeraVeraOTWall>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/veravera.onthewall/>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/veraveraonthewall/>
- Pinterest - <https://uk.pinterest.com/veraveraotwall/>
- Linked In – <http://www.linkedin.com/in/vera-blagev-87818810b>
- YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyHBcY8Wh_uStR4H6FCSKRQ