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Young Artist Open Exhibition Guidelines

Exhibition Dates: 31 Jul – 31 Oct 2026

Location: Sugar Store Gallery

Our annual Young Artist Open Exhibition, showcases the talent of young local artists, aged 4-18yrs, with artwork selected from our open submissions.

Theme: The theme for this year's Young Artist Open is 'Adventures.' Big quests, small discoveries, real life, or fantasy worlds, *Adventures* celebrates the excitement of exploring the unknown. We invite local young artists to submit artwork that captures curiosity, bravery, imagination, and the joy of trying something new.

Exhibition Timeline:

28 Mar	Submissions open, submission forms must be completed on the exhibition webpage + images sent to exhibitions@breweryarts.co.uk
26 Jun	Final submission date
1-10 Jul	Selection panel view work and make decisions
10 Jul	Artists advised of selection decisions on or before this date
14-17 Jul	Selected works to be delivered to BA between 3pm and 5pm
28-30 Jul	Hanging / Installation of Exhibition
31 Jul	Exhibition Opens
31 Jul	Private View Event, 4pm-5.30pm
31 Oct	Exhibition Ends
2 Nov	Exhibition uninstalled
3 Nov	Collection of artwork between 11 and 1pm

Submission & Selection Process

Entry Criteria:

- Young people aged 4-18 years can enter. All artists should be aged between 4-18 yrs on the final date of submission.
- Up to 2 artworks can be submitted per young artist.
- Only original artwork will be accepted. Photographs or photocopies of artwork will not be accepted.
- We welcome submissions from a wide range of media, which may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textiles and animation.

Artwork Criteria:

Initial selections for the exhibition will be made from photographs of the original artwork, however, artwork should meet the following guidelines:

- 2D Artwork must be no smaller than A4 size (210x297mm) and no larger than A2 size (420 x 594mm).
- 2D Artwork must not be framed and should be on thick paper, card, canvas, artboard or equivalent (selected work may be mounted onto artboard or mount board by the curator when the exhibition is installed).
- For 3D, textile and digital work submissions, the selection panel will need to consider the availability of plinths, display cabinets, screens and the logistics of installing the work in our gallery.
- Digital work should be submitted in MP4 format or jpegs.

How to Submit:

- Artwork must be submitted, digitally, by 26 Jun 2026 (by a parent/guardian, if under 18). Complete the Submission Form, found on the exhibition webpage and send digital images of the work, labelled with the artwork title, age category and Artist's name, via email to exhibitions@breweryarts.co.uk.
- Please ensure the images of the artwork are sharp and cropped appropriately, and are true to the actual artwork (no filters etc.) Image files submitted should be in JPG/JPEG format.

Selection Process:

- All submissions will be reviewed digitally and work selected for the exhibition by the Brewery Arts selection panel.
- The selection panel will be looking for imagination, originality and use of media to represent and celebrate the range of talent within the young people in our community.
- Artists (parents/guardians) will be advised of their selection, via email, by end of day 10 Jul 2026.
- Brewery arts reserves the right to reject any work submitted without giving any reason.

Prizes:

- All selected young artists will have their names entered into a raffle to win vouchers for Youdells Art Shop in Kendal. Names will be drawn during the Private View Event on 31 Jul 2026.

Exhibition Arrangements

Artwork Drop Off:

- Selected artworks must be delivered to Brewery Arts on 14-17 Jul 2026 between 3pm-5pm for hanging on 28 Jul 2026.
- All selected artwork needs to be delivered with the young artists name, age category and parent's/guardian's contact details on the back, or if sculptural, a hanging label.

Private View Event:

- There will be a private view for the young artists, friends and families, and invited guests at Brewery Arts on 31 July 2026 at 4-5.30pm.

Collection of work:

- Artwork is to be collected from Brewery Arts on 3 Nov 2026 between 11 and 1pm. The exhibition will be uninstalled on the 2 Nov 2026.

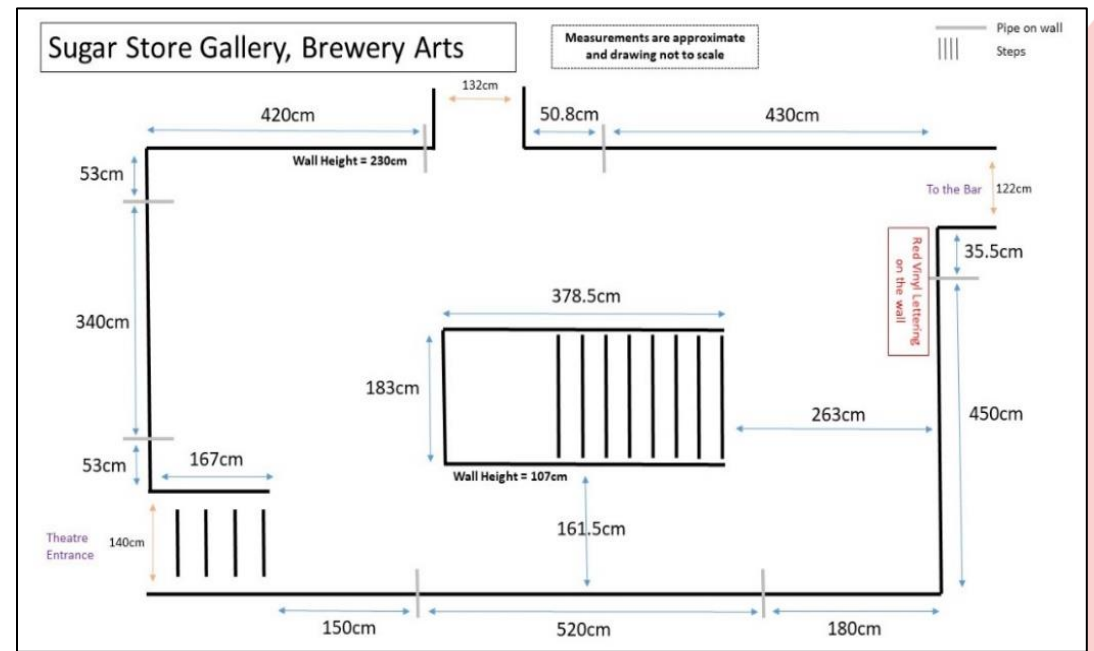
Important:

- The gallery is a public space and will be unsupervised, therefore, artwork is displayed at your own risk. Artists are loaning the artwork to the Brewery for display and agree for it to be exhibited in an unsupervised and public space.

Gallery Information

The Gallery Space:

The Sugar Store Gallery (so named for its former life in the old Brewery), is located on the 3rd floor and is accessible via stairs or the lift. The space measures approx. 10m x 6m, with the height of the exhibition paneled wall at approx. 2.3m, although this then gives way to a large loft ceiling with large beams and skylights. Close to the centre of the room is a stairwell leading up from the main foyer, which has an optional platform for use during exhibitions. There are also various doors and archways leading to the bar, the theatre and the lift, meaning there is a lot of foot traffic as people use it as a through route to other areas of the building.



Gallery Hanging System:

- Hooks: STAS zipper on perlon cord - carries loads up to 15 kg (33 lbs) - however, the rails have their own weight limit.
- Hanging rail: STAS cliprail pro can carry up to 45 kg per linear metre.

