

## NEWSLETTER

July 2012

### Summer Season Special



*Andy Touhy prints: image courtesy of Margate Gallery*

Last month we all ate cake as we celebrated the Queen's Royal Jubilee up and down the country and in Margate we also celebrated a number of other events including the opening of Tracey Emin's solo show at Turner Contemporary and the very welcome return of the fabulous Ace Cafe on their 5<sup>th</sup> Margate Meltdown.

Kent artist, Andy Touhy's exhibition opened at the Margate Gallery <http://www.margategallery.co.uk/> in June and continues through to 22 July. Andy produces exquisite retro inspired work of iconic architecture and locations including beautiful prints of Dreamland's Grade II\* listed cinema building and the Grade II\* Scenic Railway.

With the holiday season almost upon us there is plenty more to look forward to and The Dreamland Trust is delighted to be involved in some of the exciting events and activities happening in and around Margate over the next couple of months.

Kent's Cultural Baton, part of the 2012 Cultural Olympiad, continues its tour around the county. We hosted the Baton on the Dreamland site last spring where our Artist in Residence for Dreamland, Iain Aitch, collected your personal stories about your misspent youth! You can check out the programme of dates and follow the Baton at <http://kentculturalbaton.com/blog/>.



On the weekend of 13-16 July we are celebrating the arrival of the Boat Project in Margate with free singing, dancing, films, processions, live music and more in and around Margate's harbour area, old town and seafront. *Angels by Day - Spirits by Night* is a living archive of people's stories and lives, a 30ft seafaring vessel made from donated wooden items, as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad festival. Look out for the Dreamland bike, courtesy of Kapo of the Stylish Ice Cream Company, leading the cycle procession into Margate - no hills Kapo! For full details of the weekend programme visit <http://www.visitthanet.co.uk/thedms.aspx?dms=13&feature=1074&venue=3201198>.

18 July sees the premier of Animate & Create's Dreamland heritage themed animations and documentary film at the Theatre Royal in Margate - full details of this free event will be published on our website [www.dreamlandmargate.com](http://www.dreamlandmargate.com).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THE SCENIC RAILWAY!**



*Scenic Railway, Dreamland, Margate. Dreamland Archive*

Dreamland's Scenic Railway is 92 years old this July and forms part of the Dreamland's collection of heritage structures including 'Lord' George Sanger's Grade II listed menagerie cages and the cinema building.

The Scenic Railway opened to the public in 1920 carrying half a million passengers in just 13 weeks! This popular ride was described by its patent thus:

*"Each car will travel along the straight portions of the track and acquire a quick centrifugal motion in passing around the curves, turns or corners, the suddenness of which causes agitation or commotion of the occupants, and hence much merriment and amusement!"*

An arson attack destroyed 25% of the ride in 2008, including the station and original trains, but with money secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund, The Dreamland Trust, in partnership with Thanet District Council, are working towards restoring this internationally important thrilling ride to its former working glory. We look forward to many happy returns!

## HORROR ANNOUNCEMENT



THE **Dreamland**  
TRUST

THE **WEST COAST**  
BAR | MUSIC | VENUE



This year The Dreamland Trust is thrilled to be teaming up with Beeping Bush to launch Margate's first Halloween Horror Film Weekend in October, celebrate Dreamland's cinematic heritage and mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2 Days Later short horror film competition.

The film competition is now open for submissions and the entry brief can be downloaded via <http://www.2dayslater.co.uk/>. Closing date is 5pm on Wednesday 26 September 2012.

We're also proud to announce that we are linking with that great British cinematic institution, Hammer, to screen the newly restored HD transfer of the company's seminal 1957 Gothic horror, *Curse of Frankenstein*, plus a Hammer presentation and exhibition of Hammer archive material.

And The Film Factory CIC will be screening *Zombieland* (Cert 15) at a scary Drive-in secret location. More information will appear on our website shortly!

### **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER**

We anticipate a decision from the Secretary of State this summer and will announce the outcome in the press and on our website news and events page. Meanwhile, background work continues with The Dreamland Trust finalising plans with architects, designers and park specialists.

**AND FINALLY...**

Our congratulations to Turner Contemporary's Director, Victoria Pomery, who has been awarded an OBE for services to the arts.

**...OH, AND BY THE WAY**

A big Thank You to those who have kindly shared their Dreamland photographs and memorabilia to help build the Dreamland Archive. We're ever-so-short on Dreamland movies and would love to hear from you if you have any fabulous home movies you can share with us.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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