



FIGURE.

9 AUGUST - 23 SEPTEMBER /
EXPLORATION OF HUMAN FORM & PRESENCE

On Wednesday 9th August, The Bank Arts Centre in Eye, Suffolk, opened their latest exhibition titled 'Figure'.

Curated by Art Director and Artist, Abbie Schug, this exhibition presents the work of 11 artists each presenting unique viewpoints and encounters with the human form. From traditional representations to the morphed, distorted, and semi-abstracted, this collection of works narrates themes of connection, boundaries and distance which are increasingly relevant in modern life.

Highlights of the exhibition includes the bold and constructed drawings by Rebecca Lyne, The Bank's Founding Director; delicate wire wall sculpture by Patrick Baker; powerful large oil canvas works by Michelle Watson; and inquisitive life drawings by Anne Marie Steward. Also includes Schug's own paintings and drawings exploring figures through digital screens.

On Sunday 17th September, The Bank is hosting an Artist Talk Session which will be an opportunity to meet the exhibiting artists and learn about their practices.

'Figure' is the third exhibition in a curated programme of four exhibitions funded by **Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council** to provide local artists and creatives with accessible exhibition opportunities. Since beginning in May, the programme has already featured the work of over 40 local artists and will conclude with their annual student showcase and Young Artist Award in late September.

"I am honoured to have been invited to contribute the exhibition at The Bank. As an emerging artist it's empowering and rewarding to have my work featured alongside such a diverse range of established, inspirational and respected artists" - Patrick Baker, Artist.

CONTRIBUTING ARTISTS:

PATRICK BAKER / NIGEL DICKERSON /
JANE DURANT / REBECCA LYNE /
JESSICA PEARCE / ABBIE SCHUG /
ANNABELLE SHELTON / ANNE MARIE
STEWART / MICHELLE WATSON /
ROSIE WINN / EMMA WITHERS

The Bank Arts Centre's Mid-2023 Exhibition Programme is funded by **Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils** to provide inclusive and accessible opportunities to local creatives.



Over the past year, The Bank has worked towards re-building their Arts Programme to present engaging, interesting and exciting exhibitions and opportunities to all.

"Figure is an exciting milestone exhibition for us and demonstrates the progress we've made in recent months to re-build The Bank as a local hub for Artists, and a place where everyone is welcome and encouraged to embrace creativity.

The work in this exhibition is visually beautiful but raises intriguing questions. We have ambitious plans for the our Arts Programme will continue to explore new perspectives, encourage participation, and showcase upcoming creatives.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our continued journey to grow as an Arts venue. We are incredibly proud to be supporting our community through engagement in creative practices whilst developing a network and platform for regional artists." - Abbie Schug, Arts Director

'Figure' is now open to the public until 23rd September 2023. For our full What's On or to see current opportunities for Artists, please visit www.thebankeye.org.

For all Arts & Exhibition enquires please contact Abbie
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The Bank Arts Centre is a not-for-profit creative hub providing our rural community with inclusive access to the creative arts & digital.

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WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY 10.30 - 3.30