

Welcome to the 5th edition of the Golden Thread Gallery's Junior Newsletter! In this edition we'll look at the work of Paul Moore, a local artist whose exhibition 'Fionnghlas' has opened in our Project Space. We're also going to look at art that has been inspired by and made during Lockdown. Inside you'll find our Work of the Month, some fun creative tasks to try out at home and the opportunity to take part in the Great Big Art Exhibition, the largest exhibition ever staged!



## Artist Profile:

### Paul Moore

Paul Moore (born. 1977) is an artist who lives and works in Belfast. Paul is a multimedia artist, which means he works in lots of different mediums such as printmaking, photography, video and installation.

His art work explores what it is to be human and the relationship we have with the modern technological work around us. Memory and language are important to his work, he uses them to create a story about what is happening now in the present.

Moore studied at Newport University in Wales, where he gained a BA in Multimedia and Interactive Arts and an MA in Fine Art. His work has been exhibited throughout Ireland and internationally.



### Did you know...

In 2003, street artist Banksy hung his artwork in the Tate Modern Museum... Nobody noticed for 3 days!

# Artists in Lockdown

The pandemic has affected all of us. Our routines have been completely changed as we go between working from home and going into work or school. Things that filled up our day and that we enjoyed doing, like meeting up with our friends, going out for our dinner, joining in team training or taking music lessons, aren't allowed at the moment. For lots of people lockdown has resulted in picking up new hobbies, such as baking, knitting, learning tik tok dances and getting creative. For artists, a silver lining of lockdown has been a great opportunity to make their art -- they have nowhere to be and no one to disrupt their work. Here are four artists who got busy creating during lockdown... you might have heard of some of them!

## Nina Cosford



Nina Cosford (born. 1989) is an English Illustrator. Nina's bright and colourful illustrations are an outlet for her mental health, in them she seeks to find joy in the everyday. Throughout 2020, Nina was busy creating illustrations that captured her day to day in lockdown, which she shared via Instagram. She created and shared her illustrations to lift everyone's spirits. She says *'It's a dreadful time, I think one of the best ways to counteract that is through humour'*.

## Sir Antony Gormley



Sir Antony Gormley (born. 1950) is a British Sculptor, well known for his huge sculpture just outside Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, 'Angel of the North'. Much of his work explores the relationship between the human body and space. During lockdown, Gormley created this sculpture to capture how he was feeling. *'I wanted to make this self-contained body, looking at itself, at the resource that one has within oneself'*, he says. He was thinking about how we are always busy looking ahead, but the pandemic gave us a chance to slow down and look inward to ourselves.

## Banksy



Banksy is a very famous but anonymous street artist. Very little is known about him. He is thought to be from England, but his work has appeared all over the world. His street art is known for its dark sense of humour and distinctive stencil techniques. During lockdown, Banksy uploaded this picture of spray-painted rats up to mischief in a bathroom on his Instagram, with the caption *'My wife hates it when I work from home'*.

## David Hockney



David Hockney (born. 1937) is an English multimedia artist. He is known as a painter, printmaker, stage designer, and photographer. He is thought to be one of the most influential artists of the 20th Century, and one of the main artists connected to the Pop Art movement, a style of art that was bold, bright and colourful. Hockney spent his lockdown in a holiday home in Normandy, France, where he created and shared lots of drawings he made on his iPad. He created 116 iPad drawings in total and described them as his drawings of hope. *'The virus going mad . . . many people said my drawings were a great respite from what was going on'*.



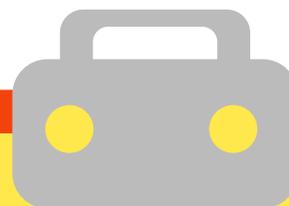
## Work of the Month

Lucy, aged 4

Lucy created this fabulous gingerbread man while she was doing her school work from home. We love her amazing use of colour and texture!

Don't forget, all our online workshops are always available free on the GTG website for you to do at home!

## Weekend Task



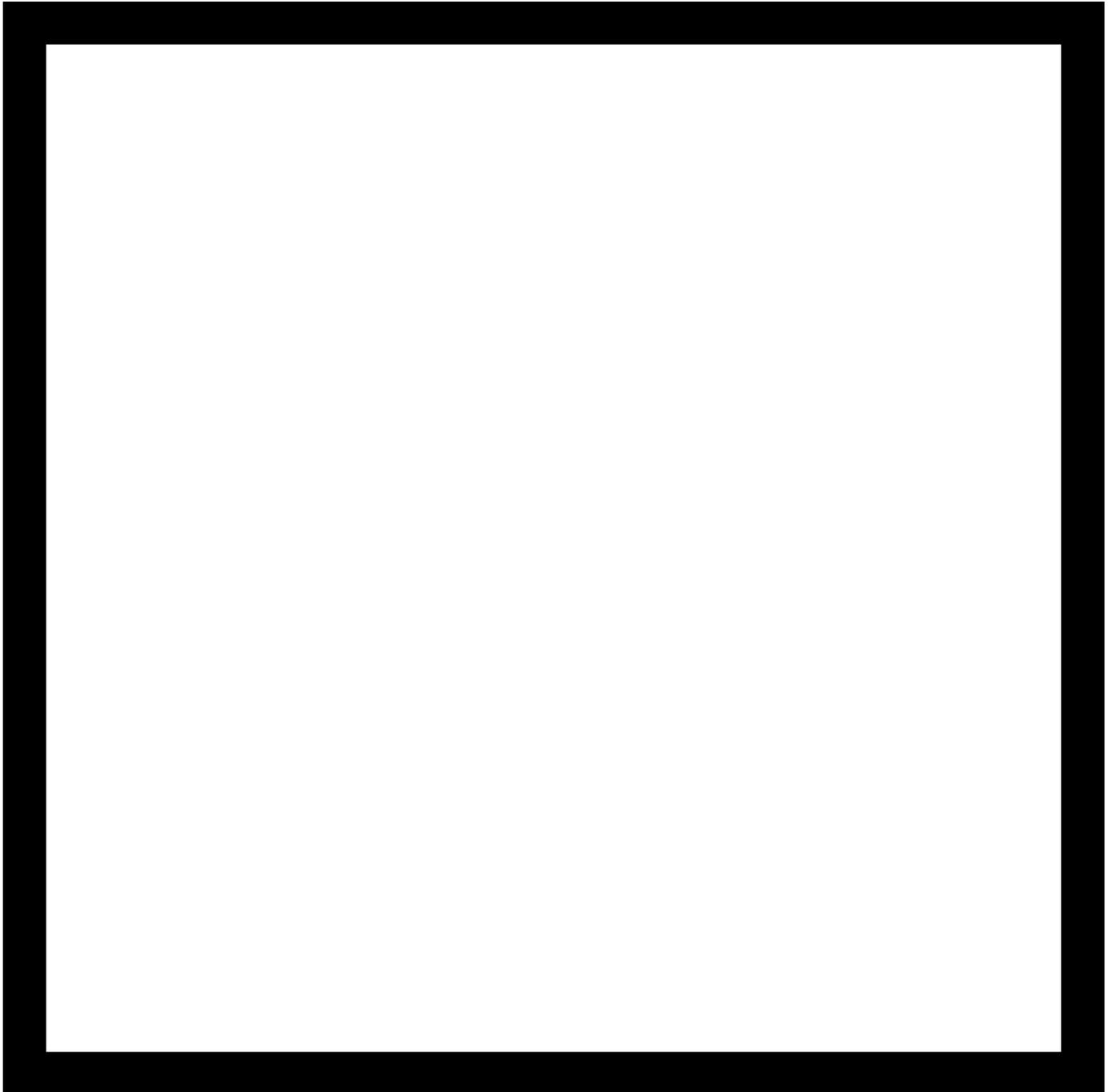
### Get Involved!

You can take part in the largest exhibition ever staged, **The Great Big Art Exhibition.**

1. Ask your parent or guardian's permission.
2. Visit <https://firstsite.uk/> and download your art pack.
3. Read the wonderful material in the pack for some inspiration.
5. Make your artwork! Be as experimental as possible! Your artwork can be in any medium: painting, drawing, sculpture, dance, song... the sky's the limit!
6. Display your art. Hang it in the window so people can see it as they walk by.
7. Get your parent or guardian to take a picture of your artwork on their phone .
8. Share your work over social media with the tag **#thegreatbigartexhibition2021**

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What have you got up to in lockdown? Have you taken up a new hobby? Do you go wild swimming like Paul Moore? Maybe you've spent your free time playing with your favourite toy, baking, spending time with your family or making art? Paint, draw or collage your lockdown activity in the box below.



## Share your work with us!

We've missed having you in the gallery and your amazing art hanging in our Junior Gallery! We would love to see what you have been working on at home. You can send your artwork to us via post, or simply send us a picture of your masterpiece via email or social media. Please make sure you have the permission of your parent or guardian beforehand.

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