

Visual to Vocal 2017

Information for Prospective Participants

What is *Visual to Vocal*?

Visual to Vocal is a fun and stimulating project that combines art, singing and drama for people living with dementia and their carers. Six music and drama students from local secondary schools also take part. It is a collaboration between Dulwich Picture Gallery and the English Touring Opera and will be returning for a fifth year between March and June.



Who is the project for?

The project is for people with early to mid-stage dementia and their carer, partner or close friend, who have an interest in or would like to learn about art, singing, song writing and performing in a relaxed and supportive environment. All abilities are welcome and no previous experience is necessary.

What does the project involve?

The project involves meeting with a group of like-minded people for ten sessions. During each session we visit the Gallery to look at and discuss some paintings with a professional guide. Your thoughts, ideas and reflections about the paintings will then be translated into song lyrics and put to music with the help of a composer and a writer from the English Touring Opera. Over the weeks songs are jointly written, rehearsed and put together with dramatic effect. At the end of the project there is a special performance at the Gallery for family and friends.

When do the sessions take place?

The sessions will take place at Dulwich Picture Gallery on two or three Tuesday afternoons a month, starting on 21st March and finishing with a final performance on a Sunday 25th June.

Tuesdays 2 - 4pm

March 21st and 28th

April 18th and 25th

May 2nd, 9th and 16th

June 6th, 13th, 20th

Sunday 25th June - final performance.



For further information or to book a free place, please contact

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