

QUESTION & ANSWER

Spotlight on local arts and crafts

THIS week we talk to artist Emrys Williams, whose work is on display at MOSTYN in Llandudno.

Q Tell us about your family

A I was brought up in Liverpool until the age of 11 when we moved to North Wales.

My mother's side were Liverpudlian, my father's side were originally from Port Dinorwic.

My mother, Thelma, lives in Colwyn Bay as does my sister, Andrea, who used to be a journalist but now teaches media.

I still have family in Liverpool.

My partner Nathalie is French and we have a son, Clement.

Q What are you best known for?

A Painting. I am also a lecturer on the BA in Fine Art course at Coleg Menai in Bangor.

Q Tell us about your exhibition

A I'm part of a group exhibition called 'Miles of Creativity' which is showing at Oriol MOSTYN Gallery in Vaughan Street, Llandudno.

Q When is it running from/to?

A It opened in November and will run until February 18.

Q What can people expect?

A An exciting mix of contemporary art.

Q Tell us five things which make your exhibition great?

A There is a lot of different kinds of media in the show. It celebrates artists and tradespeople who work within a square mile of the gallery.

There is art combined with other creative skills such as tailoring, cake making and brewing. It's cleverly displayed.

It gives you insights into the creative processes employed by a range of



Emrys Williams will feature in MOSTYN's exhibition "Miles of Creativity"

Emrys Williams

How old are you? 59

Where are you from? Liverpool

What are your best and worst habits? I keep painting and drink too much white wine, not sure which is which really!

artists and makers.

Q Tell us what's good about the venue

A It's a beautiful contemporary gallery with great light in lovely

Llandudno by the sea.

Q Who is your favourite artist and why?

A Picasso. He was so inventive and produced so much work of high

quality that stands up to the work of Matisse and Braque.

Q What piece of work are you most proud of and why?

A I like my work 'Bonsai'; it's a big new piece like a collage, it was a new experiment.

Q Tell us a little known fact about yourself:

A My great grandmother (on my mother's side) was from the Sioux tribe.

Q What's next for you? What are you currently working on, or

what do you plan to work on?

A At the moment I have new pieces in group shows at Ffin-y-Parc in Llanrwst and the Bohun Gallery in Henley.

I also have some new pieces on display at the Celtic Manor Hotel in Newport, in their new champagne bar.

They are being installed this week so I guess I need to get to Newport to see art and drink champagne to relax. I have been busy with painting and lecturing recently.

THE PUB GUIDE

what's on where in your local

FRIDAY

Blue Sky Cafe, Bangor
01248 355444

Event: The Trials of Cato
Time: Doors 7pm; Gig starts 8pm
Cost: £10
Details: Anglo-Welsh folk group with inspiring melodies formed in Beirut, what's not to like!
youtube.com/watch?v=hcMzE1-6PHg

Saith Seren, Wrexham
01978 447006

Event: Deepsnake
Time: 9pm Cost: Free
Details: Deep Purple/Whitesnake tribute band

SATURDAY

LMRCA, Holyhead
01407 762612

Event: Jeff Page
Time: 9-30pm
Cost: £1 non members
Details: Fantastic guitar vocalist

Buckley Working mens Club, 01244 630036

Event: Live music every Sat & Sun
Time: Doors open 8pm
Cost: £2 members; £4 non members Sat only; Free on Sunday
Details: buckleyworkingmensclub.moonfruit.com

SUNDAY

The Blue Bell, Conwy
01492338137

Date: Every Sunday
Event: Open Mic with Gaz and Craig
Time: 8-10.30pm
Cost: Free
Details: Supportive appreciative crowd. Great chance for first time players and experienced musicians alike!

The Blue Bell, Conwy
01492338137

Date: Every Sunday
Event: Folk Sing around
Time: 2-5pm ish
Cost: Free
Details: Warm, friendly atmosphere. All welcome to join in to lend an ear!

The Liverpool Arms, Menai Bridge, Anglesey 01248 712453

Event: Quiz night
Date: Every Sunday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: £2 per team
Details: Fun music quiz

TUESDAY

Bank of Conwy, Conwy
01492 573741

Event: Acoustic Jam
Time: 9ish
Cost: Free entry
Details: Every Tuesday Night, Bring Your Own Instruments.

The Cross Keys, Llanfynydd, Wrexham
01978 760333

Event: Folk Night
Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 8.30-11.15pm
Cost: Free
Details: Live music by local artists, all unplugged, really chilled atmosphere, come along to listen and if you feel up to it, bring a guitar and join in!

The George & Dragon, Abergelle 01745 403184

Event: Quiz Night

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 9pm
Cost: £1
Details: A great night of entertainment with your host Mr Lee Murphy. The quiz will be followed by the famous HI or LO also free snacks to every game player. £1 stake winner takes all

WEDNESDAY

Y Giler Arms, Rhydlydan, Nr Betws-y-Coed 01690 770612

Event: Quiz
Time: 8pm
Cost: £2
Details: Our monthly quiz starts again on Wednesday. Grab yourselves a team of 4 and come and join in the fun.

Bank of Conwy, Conwy
01492 573741

Event: Live music
Time: 9pm Cost: Free

The Mulberry, Conwy Marina 01492 583350

Event: Quiz
Time: 9pm
Cost: £1
Details: £1 per person to enter

Red Lion, Old Colwyn
01492 515042

Event: Quiz night
Date: Every Wednesday
Time: 9.30pm
Cost: Free
Details: Winner receives free drink vouchers, also bottle of wine to 'Nearest to' question.

THURSDAY

Y Giler Arms, Rhydlydan, Nr Betws-y-Coed 01690 770612

Event: Dominoes
Time: 8pm
Cost: £1
Details: Come along and enjoy a game or two. All proceeds go to your Charity of Choice 2018

Bank of Conwy, Conwy
01492 573741

Event: Jam Night
Time: 8pm Cost: Free
Details: Janie's fab jam night. Bring your instruments and play and sing amongst friends with great beer and good fun.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Cross Keys, Llanfynydd 01978 760333

Event: Burns Supper
Date: January 27
Time: 7pm
Cost: £25
Details: Traditional 4-course Burns supper with vegetarian option. Speeches, toasts and poems. Accordion player and violinist playing Scottish music for a while then whatever they want to after a few drams!

DPL Wine & Grill Bar, Abergelle 01745 826226

Event: Comedy night
Date: January 28
Time: 7pm Cost: Free entry
Details: This event is free but is entry by guest list only. Comedians include Tom Roberts; Roland Gent; Simon Ratcliffe; Sarah Lloyd; Paul Brown and Ferris Ward Jr.

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