

## **Andrea Farmer Contemporary Art**

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Andrea Farmer is a contemporary fine artist from Chelmsford, Essex, England - specialising in abstract and land art.

In 1991, Andrea graduated from Havering College of Further & Higher Education with a BTEC ND in Graphic Design and A' Level Graphic Design. In 1993, she graduated from the Kent Institute of Art and Design with a HND in Graphic Design and Illustration.

Andrea's artistic journey then took several paths allowing her to gain valuable creative experience. She worked as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer whilst continuing to experiment with painting and other crafts.

In 2003, encouraged by an art agent alongside her preference to work to her own methods without a tight brief or deadline, Andrea started to produce abstract artworks in oils/mixed media. This was something of an epiphany and Andrea discovered she had arrived at her final destination on her long creative journey.

Since then, Andrea has concentrated on producing several collections in her distinctive style. Landscape work remains her main passion and she has recently expanded on this to include a collection of Essex coastal scenes. These paintings are inspired by her love of landscape, nature and travel - themes that reoccur throughout her work. She favours a vivid use of colour - oil, ink and mixed media remain her preferred mediums.

Professional quality stretched box canvas, canvas board, wood panels and 300gsm oil paper plus high quality artists materials are used to create artworks. Completed paintings are satin varnished to protect and enhance the colours. All artwork is titled, signed and dated by the artist.

Andrea's paintings are held in collections worldwide. Private commission work considered.

### **Affiliations**

Activate - Chelmsford's Visual Arts Group  
Rogue Gene Collective  
Art4Essex

### **Gallery representation**

Chimaera Gallery, Folkstone, Kent

### **Permanent exhibitions**

Gymophobics, Chelmsford, Essex  
Diocese of Chelmsford, Chelmsford, Essex  
Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity, Chelmsford, Essex

## **Previous selected exhibitions and events (2007 - 2010)**

### **2010**

Shiny Shed, High Chelmer Shopping Centre, Chelmsford, Essex  
Chelmsford Arts Trail, Chelmsford, Essex  
Art Aid for Haiti, Cannizaro House, London  
Summer Breeze, Chimaera Gallery, Kent  
Hummingbird Pilates & Holistic Centre, Chelmsford, Essex  
Forever England, Chimaera Gallery, Kent  
Rogue Gene Collective & Friends, Pinder Hall, Cookham, Berks  
WLAC Postcards Anon, Kensington & Chelsea College, London  
AUAM, Reading Contemporary Art Fair, Reading, Berks  
Solo Show, Ethereal Landscapes & Mini Art, Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, Essex  
The Flower Station, Chelmsford, Essex  
Activate, The Spring Show, The Gallery, Chelmsford Library, Essex

### **2009**

Art4Essex, A Collective View, The Gallery, Chelmsford Library, Essex  
Activate, The Essex Art & Design Show, Crossing Temple, Essex  
Chelmsford Arts Trail, Chelmsford, Essex  
Cayden's Autumn Ball & Art Auction, Woodbridge, Essex  
Activate, Long Melford Street Fair, Suffolk  
Solo Show, Ethereal Landscapes & Expressive Abstracts, Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, Essex  
Solo Show, Ethereal Landscapes, Farleigh Art Gallery, Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford, Essex  
Activate, Art in Shops, High Chelmer, Chelmsford, Essex  
Solo Show, Baker Tilly, Chelmsford, Essex  
WLAC Postcards Anon, Kensington & Chelsea College, London

### **2008**

Rogue Gene Collective, Farleigh Art Gallery, Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford, Essex  
Solo Show, Hatfield Peverel Dental Surgery, Chelmsford, Essex  
Chelmsford Arts Trail, Chelmsford, Essex  
Rogue Gene Collective, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks  
Solo Show, Landscapes2Seascapes, The Gallery, Chelmsford Library, Essex  
Activate, Art in High Chelmer, Chelmsford, Essex  
Rogue Gene Collective, Original Art Exhibitions, Addingham, West Yorkshire  
Rogue Gene Collective, Dedham Arts Centre, Dedham, Essex  
Rogue Gene Collective, Droitwich Library, Droitwich, Worcestershire  
Art4Essex, Baker Tilly, Chelmsford, Essex  
Activate, Blue Room and Boudoir, Hylands House, Chelmsford, Essex  
Gala Art Gallery, Galashiels, Scottish Borders  
WLAC Postcards Anon, Kensington & Chelsea College, London  
Rogue Gene Collective, Kidderminster Library, Kidderminster, Worcestershire  
Activate, Not Just Wallpaper, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex  
Solo Show, Baker Tilly, Chelmsford, Essex  
Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford, Essex  
Solo Show, The Hummingbird Centre, Yum Yum Jelly, Chelmsford, Essex  
Rogue Gene Collective, The Colne Gallery, Colchester General Hospital, Essex

**2007**

Activate, Affordable Christmas Art Sale, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex  
Solo Show, My Space, Your Space, The Colne Gallery, Colchester General Hospital, Essex  
Rogue Gene Collective, Dennis Potter Gallery, Ross On Wye  
Rogue Gene Collective, Aberdour Festival, Scotland  
Art Week, Cellar Bar & Bistro, Chelmsford, Essex  
Making Marks Charity Postcard Auction, The Mall Galleries, London  
Art4Essex and Rogue Gene Collective, Art at The Meadows, Chelmsford, Essex  
Farleigh Hospice Charity Art Auction, Firstsite, Minories Art Gallery, Colchester, Essex  
Artsmart Charity Postcard Auction, Braintree District Museum, Essex  
Solo Show, Back to Nature, Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, Essex  
WLAC Postcards Anon, Kensington & Chelsea College, London  
Activate, Art House, Chelmsford, Essex  
Underline 2, Cellar Bar and Bistro, Chelmsford, Essex  
Rogue Gene Collective, Original Art Exhibitions, Addingham, West Yorkshire





Steve Foster (foreground) with all other Art Trail artists around his outdoor bar

## Still time to go on town's arts trail

### RAISE your glasses to the Chelmsford Arts Trail!

The celebration of the arts in the town continues to be full swing and there is still time to enjoy the sights of Chelmsford and see the work of its artists. The trail is open to the public in the town centre between the 12-20 September this year and once again it provides a showcase for a wide variety of local artistic talent.

If you are not familiar with the trail, its aim is to bring over 50 local artists' work into everyday Chelmsford life while also highlighting evenings public art, giving everyone the chance to see something they may not have come across before.

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Local gallery Interior Angle was the base for the Trail, housing a large collection of artwork and providing information on the Trail itself, and the artists who took part.

There was also an enormous poster on site - with each artist producing a unique original artwork, all of which were on sale for £15. None of the cards were signed or the hour, and so the only way to find out the artist

of your favourite was to make a purchase.

The Chelmsford Arts Trail 2009 was like the launch of the Edible Arts Cafe on Backrow Road. The cafe housed the poster site, and hopes to become a hub for creative individuals in the area.

The mix of artwork on display this year was as eclectic as ever, ranging from the haunting etched paintings of Andrea Farmer to the fresh, modern illustrations of Elizabeth Cooper.

Famous names included Guyan Perry, whose 'The Chelmsford Series' exhibition was part of the permanent collection in the renowned Chelmsford Museum.

Student work was represented in force with a number of fresh faces including Scott Moran, whose film on installation was on display at Anglo Russian University.

Public art was especially celebrated this year, with a number of new and current pieces being highlighted.

'Chelmsford Whispers', a large installation of glass pieces around the bus station area by Markin Conroy, was inspired by local students, while special mention

must go to former ARU student John Reeder whose 'Harmony' structure outside the university is definitely worth a visit.

The trail aims to bring art to the public in everyday life and this year it has certainly succeeded.

The great number and variety of pieces on display means there really is always something for everyone, and there will always be the opportunity to see something new.

If you missed out this year definitely look out for the 2010 trail - have a email about your home town and experience just what our local artists have to offer.

Tom Mills



Thursday, April 16, 2009

Weekly News **LEISURE**

## Farmer shows off landscapes

A CHELMSFORD-BASED contemporary artist has two exhibitions in Chelmsford.

Andrea Farmer is exhibiting her new collection of ethereal landscape paintings at Farleigh Hospice Gallery in the hospice, at North Court Road, Chelmsford, until Friday, May 29.

These paintings focus on the British rural landscape.

In particular the way that light across the land creates abstract patterns, reflections and movement causing changes to perceived colour vision.

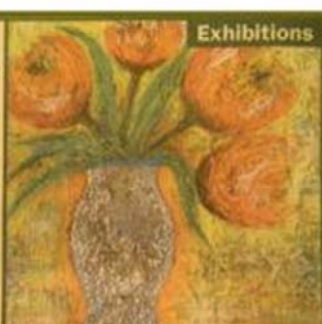
They have a glowing, sometimes hazy

effect with opulent colours and evocative forms that melt into one another, creating an ethereal atmosphere. All the paintings are for sale with 25 per cent of the sale price being donated to the hospice.

Andrea is also exhibiting with Activate, Chelmsford's visual arts group at Unit 26, High Chelmer Shopping Centre. The group exhibition is part of the 'Art in Shops' scheme.

A variety of artworks are for sale by Essex-based artists including traditional and contemporary work in various styles and media. The exhibition runs until Friday May 15.

Until Saturday, November 29  
**Rogue Gene Collective exhibition**  
Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford  
The collective is a group of artists committed to helping each other attain a higher level of visibility for their work by seeking resources, information, knowledge and contacts. The exhibition consists of bright, cheerful and stimulating artwork in various formats and styles - oil, ink, water, mixed media, sculpture, landscape and abstract paintings plus photography. A generous 25 per cent of money made goes Farleigh Hospice.  
www.roguegene.co.uk



Members' Gallery  
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Long Road to Nowhere  
13 Andrea Farmer (65062) 'The Promised Land'  
Oil and mixed media on deep edge box canvas, 76 x 76cm



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**Chelmsford**

● **Andrea Farmer:**  
**Landscapes 2 Seascapes**  
Landscapes, seascapes, floral  
still lifes and abstracts.  
**Chelmsford Library**  
(01206-573948) Mon-Sat  
9am-8pm, Sun 9am-4pm,  
to Jul 31, free.

**Chichester**

● **Driven To Abstraction:**  
**British Abstract Art From**  
**The Collection**  
An overview of the  
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PHOTO: JULY 1, 2005  
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**COLOURFUL CRAFTS:** Andrea Farmer hangs a contemporary abstract painting at The Redbridge Arts Festival exhibition at Valentine's Mansion, Ilford, Essex

**Ilford**

**Recorder**

PHOTO: APRIL 26, 2005  
www.chelmsfordnews.co.uk



● **FUNNY FACES:** Artist Andrea Farmer, of Newbury Park, helped South Park Primary students make Venetian "carnevalli" masks out of paper mache. Students paraded the finished masks around the playground in a carnival procession this

Chelmsford  
**Weekly News**

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**Exhibits for Andrea Farmer**

A SOLO exhibition of paintings by artist Andrea Farmer is on at Chelmsford library.

The display is of original landscape, expressive abstract, floral and still life and seascape paintings in oils and mixed media by the Essex contemporary artist.

Andrea is a member of Activate, the Essex-based visual arts group.

The exhibition is at the Gallery at Chelmsford library until Thursday July 31. Admission is free and the display is open daily.

For more details, contact Andrea Farmer on 01939 506657.

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**Andrea's art on show**

AN exhibition will showcase the works of a modern Essex artist.

Paintings by Chelmsford artist Andrea Farmer will be on show at Chelmsford library, in Market Road, from Wednesday July 2 to Thursday July 31, where admission will be free.

The solo exhibition will feature a range of paintings, including landscape, expressive abstract and floral, as well as still-life and seascape paintings, in oils and other materials.

All artworks will be for sale.

**HORNSEY & Crouch End**  
**JOURNAL 24**

Thursday 17th February 2005



● **YOUNG** bookworms joined top children's author Kaye Umstatter to celebrate the opening of a new library at Rokelyn Infants School, in Rokelyn Avenue, Crouch End. Pictured with stars is pupil Jami Shafiq, six, at the library's launch.

The library was part-funded by Hornsey Council, while parents helped raise cash for a colourful mural representing the school's multi-ethnic community. The mural, painted by artist

**WORD PERFECT**

Andrea Farmer, features the word "book" in languages spoken by the school's pupils - including Turkish, Somali and Farsi. Headteacher Jane Epton said: "This library will provide pupils with wonderful facilities they will be able to use as a resource for generations to come."

Councillor George Watson, Hornsey Council's executive member for education, said: "We want Hornsey's school children to fulfil their potential and these new facilities will help pupils do just that."

**NUMERICAL SKILLS Guardian**  
 Thursday 18th September 2008

**Benetton's annual Polo, Santiago, Chile**

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**GRAPHIC DESIGNER BY DAY, PAINTER BY NIGHT**



Andrea Farmer, who graduated in 1993 with a HND in Graphic Design and Illustration, makes sure that at the end of a working day her passion for art and design doesn't just stay in the office.

Not only does she work as a graphic designer for a London design and print

company but she also paints in her free time, and takes part in various solo and group exhibitions in and around London.

Represented by Virtueart, her London agent, Andrea's paintings have been exhibited this year at the Royal College of Art, the Hyde Gallery, the Virtueart Gallery, the Chelsea Art Fair and the Dutch Art Fair.



"I always enjoyed drawing at GCSE and I am still inspired by the vital colours and flowing curves of organic and human form. I will attend as

many exhibitions, galleries and museums to get inspiration and I continue to build a sketchbook of items collected on my travels, as I was encouraged to do when studying."

Andrea hopes to own her own gallery in the future to showcase her paintings and help new artists.

