

Eclectic collections

University of Brighton students step out at
The Burt, Brill and Cardens Graduate Show 2008

Over 500 students from the University of Brighton are set to showcase their work from 31 May to 5 June at the acclaimed Burt, Brill and Cardens Graduate Show 2008. An annual highlight of the arts calendar for the South, the university's renowned Faculty of Arts and Architecture is transformed into a massive gallery displaying work in a staggering range of medias and subject areas from 25 courses.

Attracting over 15,000 visitors each year, the graduate show is accompanied by a bumper programme of activities in the university garden, including the much talked about Graduate Fashion Show on Saturday 31 May (tickets are required). A free Family Day will take place on Sunday 1 June with the return of the hugely popular Big Knit, where novices and pros come together with their knitting needles. This year will also give families the chance to enter Has Brighton Got Talent? – a talent contest presented by the Brighton theatre group, Waggingtongues. There are also special pre-booked art tours organised for local schools during the week – a great way to inspire young people about a career in the creative industries.

The university prides itself on producing some of the UK's most talented artists and designers. Past graduates include legendary Biba designer Barbara Hulanicki and Turner Prize-winners Keith Tyson and Rachel Whiteread. Fashion graduate Julien Macdonald was voted British Designer of the Year 2001 and Gresham Blake has become a modish tailor to style-conscious stars and was listed in *Time Out* as one of Brighton's new wave of entrepreneurs. Keren Craig has also had outstanding success as one half of fashion duo Marchesa, the British couture label and a must-have brand among Hollywood celebrities.

This is an ideal opportunity to discover the next generation of budding artists. You can explore exhibits, commission artwork or build an art collection from students before they become stars.

The Burt, Brill and Cardens Graduate Show 2008, University of Brighton, Grand Parade Saturday 31 May to Thursday 5 June.



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