

## BALTIC welcomes back visitors safely from Wednesday 19 May 2021 with four exhibitions



Image one: Photo Colin Davison © BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, 2021

Image two: Timothy French *The Bauhaus Duel* and Aastha Bairolia *Maple & Warli* in BALTIC Open Submission. Photo Rob Harris. © BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, 2020

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead will open its doors on **Wednesday 19 May 2021**, for the first time since November 2020.

BALTIC is looking forward to welcoming visitors who will be able to explore exhibitions taking place on each of its four floors, including ***BALTIC Open Submission***, which presents work by 158 artists and makers based in the North East of England, created during lockdown.

- Visitors will be welcomed back safely to BALTIC to experience four exhibitions, breathtaking quayside views and BALTIC Shop with Covid-secure measures in place for the healthy and safety of all visitors and BALTIC staff.
- BALTIC will be open 10.30am–6pm **Wednesday to Sundays plus Bank Holidays** from Wednesday 19 May 2021.
- Pre-booking timed slots in advance online at [www.baltic.art/tickets](http://www.baltic.art/tickets) is encouraged but visits on the day is very welcome.
- Face coverings are mandatory for all visitors except under 11s/those with exemptions. For full safety measures and information on what to expect including an explanatory video visit [www.baltic.art](http://www.baltic.art)
- We're part of 'Good to Go' - the official UK mark to signal that a tourism businesses have worked hard to follow Government and industry COVID-19 guidelines.

Sarah Munro, Director of BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art said:  
“We are looking forward to welcoming the visitors and communities we have missed so much through our doors, and sharing moments of re-connection.”

## Booking tickets

- All visitors are asked to book a free timed ticket online in advance of their visit if they can at [baltic.art/tickets](http://baltic.art/tickets)
- If unable to book online call **0191 261 3830** to pre-book tickets.
- Visitors on the day will be welcomed. At specific busier times there *may* be a short wait before admission so we can maintain a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

## Part of a booked visit

Level 5	Viewing Box is open with breathtaking panoramic views
Level 4	Huma Bhabha: <i>Against Time</i> exhibition and External Viewing Terrace
Level 3	<i>The Making of Husbands</i> on Level 3 BxNU Gallery
Level 2	Pakui Hardware: <i>Virtual Care</i>
Ground Floor	<i>BALTIC Open Submission</i> exhibition
BALTIC Shop	Open for the best in artist products, homewares and gift ideas
Front Room	An area to take a moment's pause with socially distanced tables and chairs. Eat your own packed lunch or have a conversation with BALTIC Crew
Food & Drink	Six Riverside is open during gallery hours for hot & cold drinks/lunch. No booking required. Evening reservations can be made at <a href="http://sixbaltic.com">sixbaltic.com</a>

## Separate Booking Required

- **BALTIC Library:** (reference library with 11,000 art books) slots available Thu–Sat, 10.30-13.30 or 14.00-17.00. Visit [www.baltic.art/library](http://www.baltic.art/library) or e-mail [archive@balticmill.com](mailto:archive@balticmill.com)
- **BALTIC Learning Lounge:** slots are available to book Wed–Sun, 10.45-12.15 & 13.15-14.45. Visit [www.baltic.art/learning-lounge](http://www.baltic.art/learning-lounge)
- **BALTIC Sensory Room:** slots available Wed-Sun, 10.30-12.00, 13.00-14.30 & 16.00-17.30. Visit [www.baltic.art/sensory-room](http://www.baltic.art/sensory-room)

## NOTES TO EDITORS

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### **About BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art**

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art creates and produces exhibitions, events and learning opportunities which explore the role of artists from across the world. Located on Gateshead quayside, BALTIC has 2,600 square metres of exhibition space making it the UK's largest gallery dedicated to the art and artists of today and tomorrow.

BALTIC welcomes visitors free of charge, all year round to experience art, talks, performance and activities in a fully accessible building. Over 8 million have walked through its doors so far. Beyond its bricks, BALTIC connects and exchange with communities, individuals and groups exploring creativity, social connections and wider understanding of the world.

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