

The King's River Costume Exhibition

The Longshed (The John Gibbins Gallery), Woodbridge IP12 1FP

25th May - 3rd June: 10am-4pm daily

Special events during weekends (singing, poetry. and costume demos)

Donations for The Longshed: £5 adults, £2 children appreciated



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“The King’s River” Costume Exhibition

We are celebrating the costumes, designed by Claire Lyth, created for an amazing theatrical event which took place in Woodbridge during July 2017: *The King’s River*. Once Claire had designed the costumes, she plus many local talented people spent countless hours making these wonderful costumes. They are well worth coming to see, and through the experience, touch again some of the magic of *The King’s River*.

What is The King’s River?

It is a 2-Part musical event which took place on the open space of Whisstocks (Part 1), and in The Riverside Theatre (Part 2); there were 5 sold-out performances. The music, libretto and choreography were especially commissioned by Woodbridge Riverside Trust to celebrate the regeneration of the derelict Whisstocks boatyard to a fantastic public resource in a beautiful place with a very special cultural heritage. It was professionally written, directed, designed and managed, and had 3 professional singers. All others (many!) taking part and/or involved were local volunteers.

The performances were the culmination of a 3-year project involving hundreds of people from local schools and choirs, many of whom are taking part in the performances. The project was supported through local sponsorship, a large grant under the Arts Council England Lottery funded Grants for the Arts programme, and many hours of work by over a hundred volunteers.

SPECIAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE EXHIBITION

Running throughout the Costume Exhibition:

Film of *The King’s River*

Come and hear the music, plus see the costumes and how they were worn

25th May (Saturday)

1100-1200 Costume demo and discussion

Come and talk about the designs, and learn how things were done and achieved

1300-1500 Music of *The King’s River* (by Jana Rowland); “performance” at 14.30

Andrew Leach (our MD) will lead this. Many who performed in *The King’s River* will be gathering together for the joy of singing the music again. You are welcome throughout. If you just want to hear them “perform” – come at 1430.

26th May (Sunday)

1100-1200 Costume demo and discussion (as above)

27th May (Bank Holiday Monday)

1100-1200 Costume demo and discussion (as above)

1300-1400 Poetry (libretto) from *The King’s River*

Come hear Sylvia Fairley and Dominic Shea, our Librettists, read some of their poetry from TKR

1st June (Saturday)

1100-1200 Costume demo and discussion (as above)

2nd June (Sunday)

1100-1200 Costume demo and discussion (as above)

1300-1400 Poetry (libretto) from *The King’s River* (as above)