

Call For Artists

Artists are invited to create original postcard-sized artworks to feature in an exhibition and auction of work by new and internationally-acclaimed artists, illustrators and designers. The profits from all sales will support the reopening of the historic Margate Caves.



Reflecting the mysteries of the Caves, postcards will be exhibited with the artist's name kept secret. Past exhibitors in the annual Margate event (which has supported a range of charities) include Tracey Emin, Grayson Perry, Paul Hazelton, Quentin Blake, Zandra Rhodes Vic Reeves, Dawn Cole and Kate Harrison (pictured).

Margate Caves were closed in 2004. Since then, local people have been working to reopen them - and in 2017, announced that successful lottery bids totalling £1.5 million meant a new visitor

centre and village hall for Cliftonville could be built and the historic Caves reopened. Work commences in autumn 2017 and the Caves reopen in 2019.

To Enter

All work should be A6 postcard sized, 105×148 millimeters or 4.13×5.83 inches. All work should be signed on the reverse, not on the front.

Mail postcards to Margate Caves, % Dan Thompson Studio, Marine Studios, 17 Albert Terrace, Margate, Kent CT9 1UJ. All work should be received by Monday 31st July.

Please include any details which you would like to be included in the catalogue and given to the work's purchaser. We will include a list of links to websites or social media at the back of the catalogue.

All work will be exhibited from Friday 8th-Saturday 16th September 2017 at the Harbour Arm Gallery, Margate (on the Harbour Arm adjacent to Turner Contemporary). 50-100 works will be auctioned, with works above this for sale at a set price. A small selection of works will be sold online.

The auction is organised by The Margate Caves Community Education Trust, registered charity, no 1155904