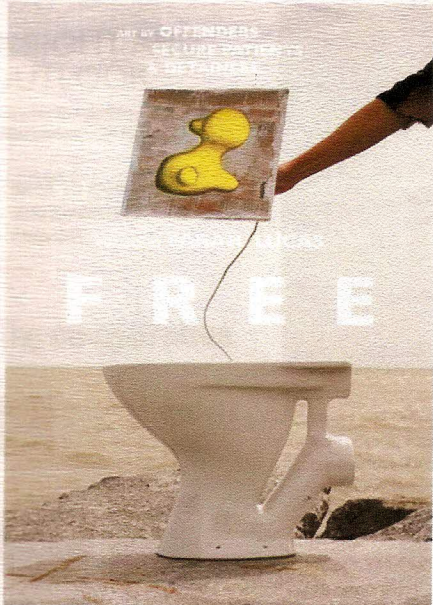


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OPENING DAY EVENTS

- **Seminar** for Visual Arts Practitioners
10:30am – 1:30pm
Blue Room | Spirit Level | Royal Festival Hall
- **Public opening begins**
Screening, Short film following Sarah Lucas curating the exhibition.
Performances by Music in Prisons and Dance United
Official opening
2:30 pm - 4:30
The Clore Ballroom | Royal Festival Hall
- **Exhibition open:** 4 pm – 8 pm
Spirit Level | Royal Festival Hall
- **Pop Up Koestler Art Shop** 4 pm – 8 pm
White Room | Spirit Level | Royal Festival Hall
- **Talk: Behind the Scenes at the Exhibition**
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Blue Room | Spirit Level
- **Performance: Music in Prisons**
6:15 pm – 7 pm
Clore Ballroom | Royal Festival Hall

FREE

KOESTLER TRUST
50TH ANNUAL UK EXHIBITION

FREE is the UK's annual showcase of visual arts, film, music and writing by prisoners and others in secure settings. It is the fifth annual exhibition in an ongoing artistic partnership between Southbank Centre and the Koestler Trust.

FREE will be opened by The Right Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice on Wednesday 19 September 2012, 2.30pm

SARAH LUCAS
OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CURATOR

Over the last 5 years the exhibitions have been curated by people with a broad range of experiences – victims of crime, serving prisoners, young offenders and magistrates. This year's exhibition has been shaped by the artist Sarah Lucas, who brings her own perspective to the selection and display of the works. Lucas has selected pieces that spoke to her – that cried out to be seen – from thousands of submissions from across the UK's criminal justice system to the 50th anniversary Koestler Awards.

EVENTS

- **Meet the Curator**
Hayward Gallery director Ralph Rugoff in conversation with Sarah Lucas
- **StorySlam Live**
Experience spoken word on the theme '50'
- **Letters from a Prisoner**
Actress Fiona Fullerton talks about being the pen-pal of a Cold War prisoner
- **The Koestler Trust at 50**
Talk including Koestler biographer Michael Scammell
- **Words and Sentences**
English PEN hosts an evening on literature in prisons
- **The Ageing Prison Population**
Panel discussion with Age UK

[More information and how to book your place](#)

ART SALES

The Koestler Trust sells artworks when both the artist and establishment give permission. Sales help to motivate entrants to positive achievement, showing them that their skills can have real value.

What happens to the proceeds from the art sales?

- 25% is donated to **Victim Support**
- 50% goes to the artist
- The remainder provides crucial income for the Koestler Trust.

A price-list for works in the exhibition will be available on request. Artworks with blue dots are not for sale; those with red dots have been sold.

Pop-Up Koestler Art Shop

Hundreds more artworks from this year's Koestler Awards will also be for sale and ready to take away at our Pop-Up Koestler Art Shop on the opening day and will also run:

2pm – 7pm | 17 – 25 November
White Room | Spirit Level | Royal Festival Hall



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DATES

Opening day 19 September
Open: 4pm - 8pm
20 September - 25 November
Open: 10am – 11pm

VENUE

Admission free
Spirit Level | Royal Festival Hall
Southbank Centre
London SE1 8XX

EXHIBITION TOURS

Led by ex-offender interns
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30pm
Saturdays 3pm
Free, no booking necessary

VISITOR VOTES

There are special Koestler Awards for the artworks that receive the most public votes. Voting cards will be available at the exhibition entrance or from Southbank Centre staff. Your comments will be forwarded (anonymously) to the artists. It means a huge amount to artists in prisons and other secure settings to know that their work is being seen and appreciated.

EXHIBITION CLOSURES

During the exhibition we will be holding a number of private receptions and the exhibition will be closed to the public on the following dates:

- 5pm-9pm 27th September
- 5pm-9pm 3rd October
- 5pm-9pm 21st November

We apologise for any inconvenience and hope you can come and see the exhibition at another time.

Please check with us for the latest closure times.

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