

# Late artist is granted 'long held wish' for heads show

Lancelot Ribeiro's paintings of heads are on show at Ben Uri Gallery in St John's Wood

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The late artist Lancelot Ribeiro painted heads to explore ideas of power and evil, and hoped one day to see an exhibition dedicated to them.

It's a wish that has been realised some 14 years after his death with a show at Ben Uri Gallery in Boundary Road, St John's Wood.

Lancelot Ribeiro: Heads - In and Out of Our Time runs from September 18 in partnership with the artist's estate and with the blessing of daughter Marsha Ribeiro.

She said: "The inspiration for this exhibition came from a wish my father frequently expressed, that he wanted an exhibition entitled 'Heads - In & Out of Our Time.'

"As it didn't materialise during his lifetime, it became something I hoped

I would one day be able to fulfill on his behalf. The fact that some of his most experimental paintings - including a 1963 portrait of my mother - have been brought together at Ben Uri, is particularly touching for me.

"It is in my mind both a fitting tribute to his legacy and to his long-held wish."

The painter was born in 1933 into a Catholic Goan family in India and moved to England in 1950 where he stayed with his brother in Chalcot Square, Primrose Hill while studying part time at St Martin's School of Art.

Following the success of his first solo exhibition in Mumbai, he moved permanently to the UK in 1962, living and working in Belsize Park before moving to a flat on Haverstock Hill until his death in 2010.

A passionate advocate for artists



The artist in his studio in Belsize Park in 1965 Image: The estate of Lancelot Ribeiro

from the subcontinent, he fought prejudice against those from minority backgrounds, co-founding the Indian Painters' Collective, UK.

He also exhibited alongside his half-brother F.N Souza and founded the group Indian Artists UK in 1978. His work is held in the Tate and V&A.

Ribeiro's heads examine notions of power through subjects he listed as: "colonialists, kings, tyrants, Christ (resurrected), tycoons, women and

thugs."

The exhibition boasts 17 paintings and three drawings focusing on portraiture and heads from the 60s and 90s including the monumental Crowned King (1963) and King Lear (1964).

A supporting display features paintings and sculptures of heads from the Ben Uri collection by artists including Frank Auerbach and David Breuer-Weil.



# Ally Pally confirms dates for fireworks

North London's biggest fireworks display will run for two nights at Alexandra Palace

North London's biggest and best loved fireworks festival returns this autumn as Alexandra Palace hosts its annual event.

Taking over the People's Palace for two nights, the fireworks will light up the London skyline, with a brand new choreographed drone display before the main show.

There will also be live music around the festival, with ice skating and access to the biggest beer festival outside Germany available for an extra fee.

With a hilltop view across London, Ally Pally has been hosting fireworks displays for 150 years.

As well as the drone show and fireworks display, there will be a huge bonfire and funfair taking place.

Along with the fireworks, the festival will also host the Cafe De Pally under a big top, with a bar and singalongs,

entertainment and live music from a brass band, double basses and choirs.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy some of London's best street food, cocktails and craft beer at the StrEATlife Village, all soundtracked by The Cuban Brothers and Artful Dodger.

Available as an add-on to the fireworks ticket and for over-18s only, the UK's largest German beer festival will be held in the Palace's Great Hall, with an oompah band and live music including Oasis tribute band Definitely Mightbe and the Abba Revival.

Also available for an extra fee, visitors can whizz around an indoor ice rink to a disco soundtrack, with skate aids available on the door.

Simon Fell, Alexandra Palace's Fireworks Festival director, said: "We can't wait to welcome everybody up to the Palace for this year's events.

"There's the epic display, our massive bonfire, ice rink and entertainment across the Park and Palace, including



Alexandra Palace has announced dates and tickets for its annual fireworks festival

live music, family entertainment and the biggest beer festival outside Munich - we call it a festival for a reason!

"I'm so excited that this year we are

adding a fully choreographed drone show launching before the display, this is a first for a London bonfire event and it's going to be spectacular."

Alexandra Palace's Fireworks Festival runs on Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2. Tickets from <https://fireworks.london/tickets>