



Coventry's Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Kevin Maton and Monika welcome Banda Comunale to Coventry

Banda Comunale's first performance in Coventry

“World Falling Down” music and film from Satsangi, collaboration with Søjus1 and poetry reading by Sujatha Menon, Saturday 20 November 2021.

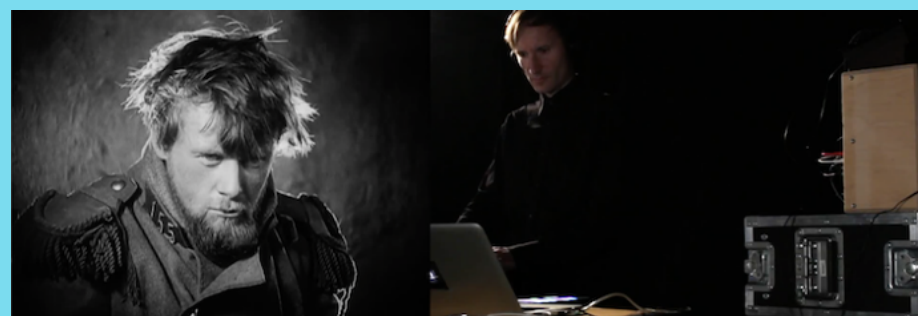


Sujatha Menon, Satsangi vocalist and poet

“The New Babylon” with performed soundtrack by Søjus1, Saturday 20 November 2021.



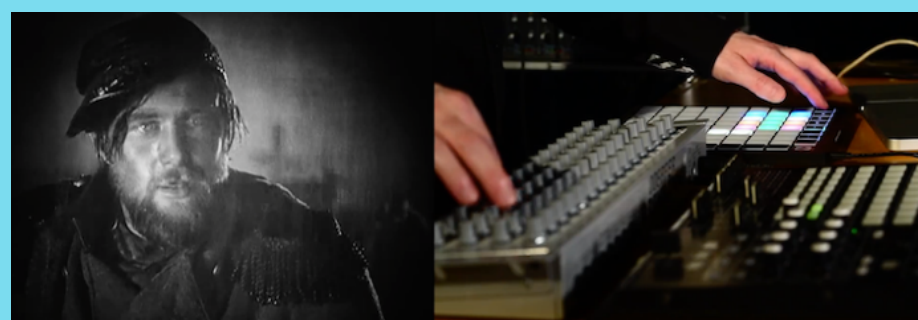
Marc Hartmann (brass)



Ralf Müller-Hoffmann (modular synthesizer)



Simon Arnold (drums)

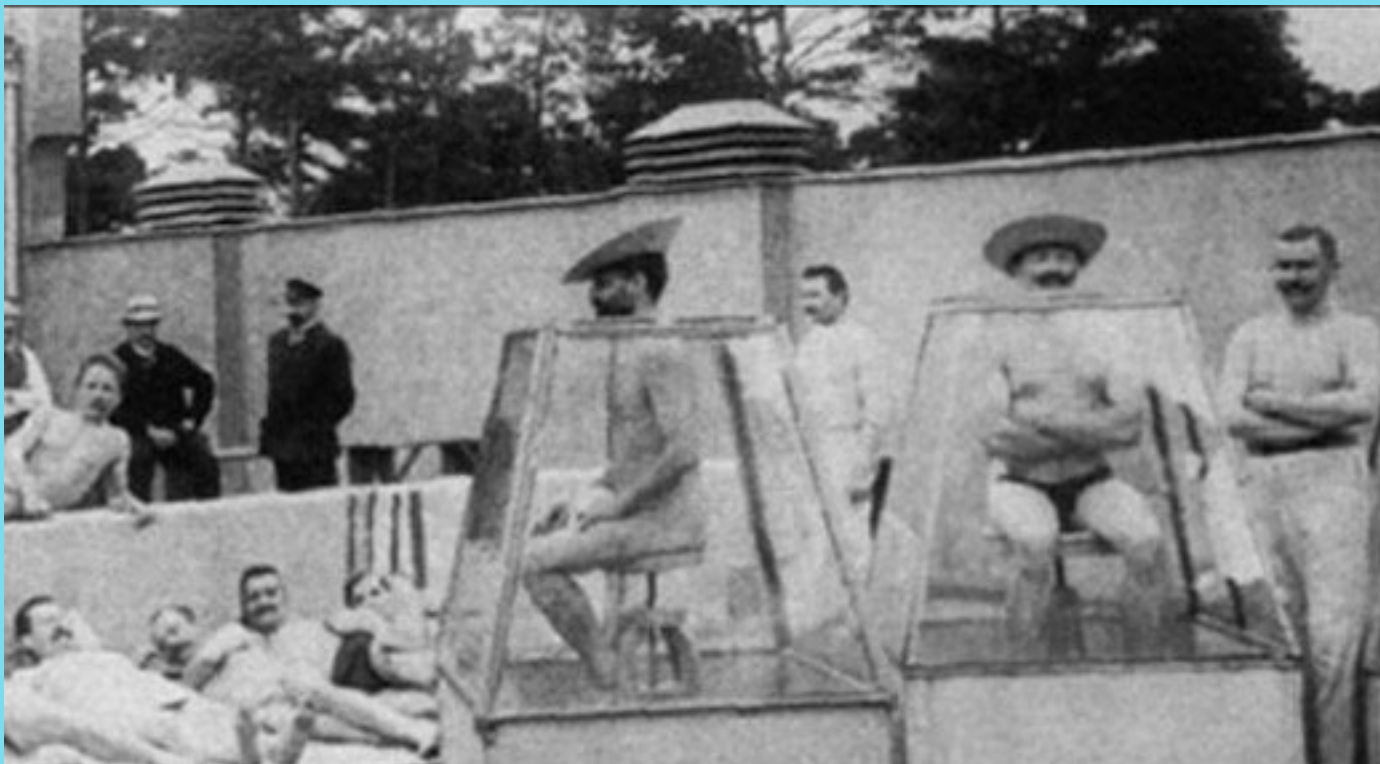


Ralf Müller-Hoffmann (modular synthesizer)

“Never Look Away”, Friday 19 November 2021.



Dresden - Birthplace of Expressionism, Artistic Reform and Counter Culture, Friday 19 November 2021.



Refuge & Recovery, Thursday 18 November 2021.





Sebastian Hicks (left), Mohammed Al-Assam (third from left) and Rabee Al-Hafidh (third from right) with colleague (second from left) and students from Coventry University

Unravelling, Wednesday 17 November 2021.



A message of thanks from Nirmal



A second message of thanks from Nirmal





Nirmal, Chenine, Paul, Linda, Monika, Cllr.Ram, Zsófia & Dave.

Apologies for the reddening of the faces of Paul, Linda and Monika from the digital projector light.

Bridging The Miles, archive film of the 1965 visit by Coventry Cathedral volunteers to Dresden, at the Holy Trinity Centre, Monday 15 November 2021.



Dorothy Knights and Ian Bruce

“Oh! What a Lovely Brexit!” at the Litten Tree Building, Sunday 14 November 2021.





Preparing for Brexit



Anyone for Brexit?

“WordsArtMusic” at Sidney Stringer Academy, Saturday 13 November 2021.



Laura Nyahuye



Aysar Ghassan



Emilie Lauren Jones,
Coventry’s Poet Laureate



Laura and Monika



Congratulations to
Monika and Sebastian
(Head of Performing
Arts at Sidney
Stringer Academy) on
their achievement in
putting on a superb

Official Opening of the Festival and “Small Works” exhibition at the Litten Tree Building, Friday 12 November 2021.



Called to the Bar at the
Coventry-Dresden
Friendship Festival



John Yeadon opens “Small
Works” exhibition



André sings “Blackbird”

Coventry Dresden Friendship Festival greetings from Dresden’s Mayor Dirk Hilbert

Dear friends in Coventry,

I would like to send you warm greetings and best wishes from your twin city Dresden.

What friendship really means to us and how much of a positive impact friends have on our lives is especially felt in times of struggle and loneliness. Have we not all during the last year experienced the strength and support, which friends can give? I am certain, every one of you can tell a story about that.

So today we have a reason and a great opportunity to celebrate friendship.

I would like to, once again, congratulate Coventry on its Year as UK City of Culture 2021. You have planned and already held so many amazing cultural events. As your twin city we are more than happy to join the UK City of Culture projects, under which this festival is held.

I would like to thank all contributors for their commitment at concerts, artist’s exchanges, exhibitions, book readings and other formats as well as give great thanks to the organizers in Coventry for their cooperation and hospitality.

Dear friends,

War divides us – but we can connect through the process of healing in times of peace. And this is exactly what our two cities did.

The first twinning for Dresden was the partnership with Coventry, signed in 1959. We bonded over the fate of the destruction in World War II and the desire for reconciliation and peace. Coventry, Dresden, and many other cities are symbols of a new beginning. They are symbols that enemies can become friends.

In the beginning I talked about the great value of friendship. Dresden feels honoured to have strong ties with Coventry and all our twin cities. It brought to life artistic and cultural projects, and close ties between associations, universities, schools, and churches.

But you know, the real blessing arises when this friendship between cities results in friendship between its people.

So, celebrate our bond today and lose yourselves in the art, music and talks that this rich program is presenting.

Thank you

Dirk Hilbert's message of greeting and friendship



Coventry's Lord Mayor, Councillor John McNicholas, officially opens the Festival



Dirk Hilbert's video message

Proclamation in Dresden Place, Friday 12 November 2021.

COVENTRY-DRESDEN FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL 2021



COVENTRY DRESDEN FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL 2021

Festival Launch at the Dresden Mural and in Dresden Place

"Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!"

"Hör Dich! Hör Dich! Hör Dich!"

Gather round ye Citizens of Coventry and know that you are twinned with the Citizens of Dresden in Germany, a twinning that began 62 years ago.

On this day **12th of November** in the year of the Lord, 2021, you are invited to participate in a celebration of the deep friendship between our two cities – the Coventry-Dresden Friendship Festival

As we stand here at the ancient marker of our Twinning - the Dhillon Brewery, better known as Dresden Place - you are invited to perambulate across this place to our landmark site of discovery and delight – the Litten Tree - and raise yourselves up to its higher reaches to look, listen and learn, to the edification of your souls.

God Save the Queen



Paul Curtis calls on the citizens of Coventry to take notice of the Friendship Festival and the significance of the twinning with Dresden

The commemorative plaque in Dresden Place.

The plaque was unveiled by the Mayor of Dresden, Herr Gerhard Schill, on 3 April 1974

The Friendship Festival starts with a gathering at the Dresden Mural in Coventry Market, Friday 12 November 2021.



Dan, Paul, Monika, John, Dave, André and Richard



Dave, Paul, Dan, Monika, Richard and John

Installation of “Small Works” is now underway on the Third Floor of the Litten Tree Building, Tuesday 9 November 2021.



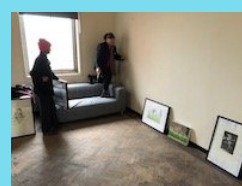
John at work



Alexandra, Ashley & John



George & Sharon hang Michala's work





Ashley at work with
the drill

Alexandra
supervises
Ashley's
work



Alexandra and Ashley at rest

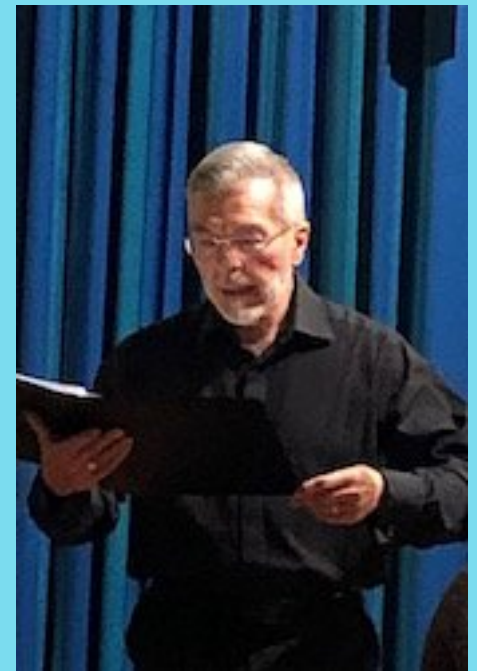
Reverend Andy March: Readings from “Loving the Enemy”, the new book about his grandfather and grandmother, a marriage founded in Dresden from before 1939. At St Christopher’s Church, Allesley, Coventry, Saturday 6 November 2021. With musical interludes by Richard Parker (vocal) and Richard Jephcoat (piano).



Reverend Andy
March



Andy March & Richard Parker
reading together



Richard singing

Antony Owen: Readings from “Phoenix”, the new bi-lingual collection of poems. At Coventry Cathedral, Saturday 6 November 2021.



Antony Owen &
Rainer Barczaitis,
editor of “Phoenix”



Monika reads with
Antony

Antony reads with Monika
Campbell, one of the translators

CDF Festival

