

**BAfM 45th Annual General Meeting and Conference**  
**Saturday-Sunday, October 13-14, 2018**  
**Hosted by the Friends of the Laing Art Gallery**  
**New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 8AG**

**BOOKING FORM: CONFERENCE RECEPTION & DINNER + OPTIONAL TOURS**  
**(Closing date for bookings: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018)**

*Please complete the booking form on page 2 and keep a copy for your own records.*

Saturday Lunchtime Tours <laingartgallery.org.uk>

During the lunchtime break, delegates will have the chance to tour the Laing Gallery, led by one of the FLAG volunteer guides. Each tour will last for half an hour and will be offered at 12.30 and 13.10, in line with alternating lunch sessions at these times. The tour of the gallery is free to all. You may also wish to tour the gallery on your own. Those wishing to join the tour with one of the guides should indicate this on the booking form below.

Reception and Conference Dinner <assemblyrooms.co.uk>

The day conference on Saturday, October 13, will conclude with an evening drinks reception at 6 pm in the Assembly Rooms, Fenkle Street, Newcastle NE1 5XU (free to conference participants; £8.00 for non-delegates). We are delighted to announce that during the reception we will be entertained by the award-winning Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band. The reception will be followed by the Conference Dinner at 7 pm in the elegant surroundings of the Chandelier Suite of the Assembly Rooms. A very reasonable rate of £29.00 for the 4-course meal has been negotiated. The menu will be: cream of vegetable soup with croutons; classic slow cooked beef bourguignon; (vegetarian option) wilted spinach and ricotta served in a handmade filo basket with a tomato sauce; served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables; light lemon mousse on a sponge with berry compote; coffee with chocolate mints. Partners and guests are also warmly welcome to join the conference dinner, at a cost of £34.00 for the reception and dinner combined. It is hoped that the occasion will provide an opportunity for delegates and partners to meet with Friends from BAFM organisations throughout the North East, Yorkshire and Scotland. Friends of the Laing Vice-President, Marian Green, will give the welcome, and the after-dinner address will be given by former Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Jackie Slesenger (who is herself a member of FLAG).

Sunday Tours

On Sunday morning, October 14, delegates and non-delegates are invited to join one of four optional tours:

1) The Discovery Museum <discoverymuseum.org.uk>

This historic building houses both a science museum and a local history museum. It explores Tyneside's industrial and maritime past and houses the famous 'Turbinia', the first steam turbine-powered steamship. Designed and built by Charles Parsons, at its launch in 1894 it was the world's fastest ship at the time. The museum building once housed the Cooperative Wholesale Society and has a splendid Great Hall with a fine Art Deco ceiling. The museum is opening early for our group on Sunday morning at 9.30 am, and the guided tour, which will last approximately an hour and a half, will cost £10.00 per person.

2) The Tyneside Cinema <tynesidecinema.co.uk>

Opened as a news cinema in 1937, the Grade II listed building was designed by Dixon Scott, uncle of film directors Ridley and Tony Scott, in his own particular mix of Art Deco and exotic motifs from his travels in the Far East. Extensively restored from 2006 to 2008, the cinema is the city's only full-time independent cinema, and features independent and world films. It also encourages young film-makers, under the aegis of directors such as Mike Figgis. The guided tour of the cinema is free, and will last from 10 am to 11.30 am.

3) The Great North Museum <greatnorthmuseum.org.uk>

Established in 1888 and formerly known as the Hancock Museum, the museum focuses upon natural history and ancient civilisations. Located on the campus of Newcastle University, most of its collections are owned by the Natural History Society of Northumbria, but it also houses the contents of the university's Museum of Antiquities and Shefton Museum, one of the finest collections of Greek artifacts in the UK. The Great North Museum Library on the second floor houses the Library and Archives of the Natural History Society of Northumbria, the Library of the Society of Antiquaries and Newcastle University's Cowen Library. There will be a charge of £4.00 per person for the guided tour, which will last from 9.30 am to 11 am, and will be conducted by Curator of Archaeology, Andrew Parkin.

4) A Public Art Walking Tour

Newcastle is rich in public art, much of it by contemporary artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. So numerous are the works that no less than nine public art walks in Tyne and Wear have been developed. Our tour, by experienced and knowledgeable City Guide, Roger Fern, will highlight some of those most accessible from the Laing Art Gallery. The tour will last approximately one and a half hours, from 9.30 am to 11 am, and will cost £4.00 per person.

Please send your booking form (page 2),

Either, with cheque payable to "A and W Telford", and with "BAFM2018/DINNER/TOURS" on the reverse side, to

Dr Andrena Telford,

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Or (preferably)

Pay by direct bank transfer to: Barclays Bank, sort code 20-59-43, account number 83240312, adding as identifier your surname/BAfM2018Options.

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Address of lead person:

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Contact telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	COST (per person)	NO. OF PEOPLE	AMOUNT FOR PAYMENT
Tour of Laing Gallery	Free		—
Reception (delegate)	Included		—
Reception only (non-delegate)	£8.00		
Dinner (delegate)	£29.00		
Dinner only (non-delegate)	£29.00		
Reception & dinner (non-delegate)	£34.00		
Tour of Discovery Museum	£10.00		
Tour of Tyneside Cinema	Free		
Tour of Great North Museum	£4.00		
Public Art Tour	£4.00		

Total amount for payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: (please tick)

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Bookings will be acknowledged, preferably by email.  
 If you wish a postal acknowledgment, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The Friends of the Laing look forward to welcoming you and your accompanying persons to the city of Newcastle upon Tyne, to the Laing Art Gallery and to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and AGM of the British Association of Friends of Museums. We hope you will enjoy your stay here and we trust that the conference programme will be an interesting and rewarding one.