

AWARD WINNING ARTIST LAUNCHES SOLO EXHIBITION

Glasgow based award winning artist Nicola Atkinson has launched a solo exhibition, Beautiful Materials, in Linlithgow which extends from the walls of the gallery, including the transformation of a high street bus shelter and in people homes.

The striking exhibition in Linlithgow Burgh Halls, presents the vessel as a container for ideas, aims to question how we look at art and its materials. Nicola said, "I became interested in how we see things every day as we often view the entire world now in miniature on our phones. As a result, I created a scale model in the gallery where you can imagine you are a giant within the eight Georgette and Velvet floating wall hangings with wee velvet vessel paintings."

The bus shelter is significantly located across from the Gallery at Linlithgow Cross features twenty four naturally illuminated and transparent colourful Vessels artworks. You can see clearly from the gallery windows, connecting the interior with exterior, and extending the boundaries of the exhibition.

Internationally acclaimed Nicola is known for the recent public artwork The Memory Tree which forms part of the award-winning Aberdeen Union Terrace Gardens and has created one hundred and forty five public art projects, temporary and permanent in villages, towns, cities and museums around the world.

Supported by West Lothian Council, Beautiful Materials solo exhibition puts the visitor front and center in an active role of questioning art, how we digest what is around us, how we take part and then, what does it all mean.

As in the VESSEL ON LOAN event, local residents can borrow one of the exhibition artworks for their home, creating a domestic version of the exhibition. Nicola adds, "A recent survey for museums highlighted that a person spends on average 28 seconds looking at a piece of art. This exhibition offers the visitor to have more time with an artwork to understand how the relationship to it can grow or change in the comfort of their own home."

Beautiful Materials runs until Sunday 21 September and is open daily from 9am until 5pm . Nicola will also be presenting four events, an artist's talk on Wednesday 18 June from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. VESSEL ON LOAN, 2 and 16 July, 7 - 9pm. There will also be a book signing on Friday 4 July from 12 noon until 1pm at the Far From the Madding Crowd Bookshop and WEAR ART MUSIC event on Saturday 23 August from 1pm until 3pm in collaboration with Stevie Jackson.

**Contact: Nicola Atkinson for further details on Beautiful Materials are available from www.beautifulmaterials.co and by emailing beautifulmaterial@gmail.com.
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Beautiful Materials

A Solo Exhibition of New Works
by Nicola Atkinson

Friday 23 May – Sunday
21 September 2025

Monday – Sunday 9am-5pm

All events are free, booking
via eventbrite.

www.beautifulmaterials.co
[@beautiful.material](https://www.instagram.com/beautiful.material)

Linlithgow Bus Shelter

Thursday 8 May
– Sunday 21 September
Linlithgow Cross
Stop No: 6290LW08

Artist Reception Nicola Atkinson Beautiful Materials

Thursday 22 May 7-9pm
Linlithgow Burgh Halls Gallery
EH49 7AH

Artist Talk, Nicola Atkinson Beautiful Materials

Wednesday 18 June
6:30-7:30pm
Linlithgow Burgh Halls Gallery

Vessels On Loan

Select:

Friday 23 May – Wednesday
18 June, 9am-5pm

Pick up:

Wednesday 2 & 16 July, 7-9pm

Drop off:

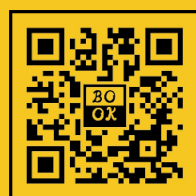
Saturday 20 September, 12-4pm
Linlithgow Burgh Halls Gallery
EH49 7AH

Book Signing, Beautiful Materials Publishing

Friday 4 July, 12-1pm
Far From the Madding Crowd
Bookshop, 20 High St, Linlithgow
EH49 7AE

Wear Art Music

Beautiful Materials garments
and a music collaboration
Nicola Atkinson & Stevie Jackson.
Saturday 23 August, 1-3pm
Linlithgow Burgh Halls Gallery
EH49 7AH



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