HOW YOU CAN HELP

Gulbenkian offers a vital creative outlet for hundreds of young people in Kent, but we have to do more.

In 2015, we reached more than 1000 children and young people through our creative learning activities including our pioneering AR15 project.

Over 30,000 people attended our family theatre and cinema programmes, including the sixth annual International Family Festival.

We hosted over 100 creative sessions for children and young people, involving more than 100 artists. But we want to do more!

With your help we will give more young people the space to meet and share amazing creative experiences with each other. To take their first steps on a professional career. Or to find new friends and new interests. Or to see the arts in a new light.

PLEASE GIVE TODAY

The opportunities the Gulbenkian is providing are amazing, and I hope they do continue.

Sally Black, Teacher. Herne Bay School.

In our 50th year we are aiming to raise £20,000 to give more young people opportunities in Kent. Give £50 or more to join our Gulbenkian 50 club! We will keep you updated with projects your money is helping and you will receive an invitation to a celebration event at the end of the year.

GIVE TODAY AT:
thegulbenkian.co.uk/50-years

£50 gives a young person the chance to realise their acting talent by attending a term at the Gulbenkian youth theatre.

£150 gives 15 young people the chance to develop their skills by providing a free workshop in film or theatrical theatre.

£250 gives teachers the tools to develop creativity in the classroom by providing a training session for local schools.

£1k gives young dancers the chance to work with a professional dance company and produce a cut-price theatre performance.

£100 gives a young refugee the chance to express themselves and find their voice through a free term of specialised drama sessions.

£200 gives local young people the chance to be creative in a day of specialist arts activity in their school.

£500 gives young people a chance to work with a professional designer as a mentor to help them produce set, costumes and props for our National Theatre Connections performances.

£5k gives a group of young people the chance to visit Edinburgh Festival

I am so grateful for all the support and opportunities that we have given to young people in the area. AR15 has given me a new set of skills and has allowed me to develop confidence and self-belief.

Sophie, Youth Board Member, 16/03/17
GULBENKIAN’S STORY: Radical Roots & Dangerous Ideas

Gulbenkian is 50 in summer 2019, forged in a time when construction work, ongoing questioning and tensions being challenged. In 1966 the Vietnam War raged, Woodstock moved, massive back in the town, the first student marches on the just in the wind. Young people felt they could change the world, the university started, was a lack of radical politics, using creative thinking to find answers to society’s problems.

50 years on, Gulbenkian remains an organisation with a radical vision. We believe that ideas, culture and music must be heard and we are committed to providing space, time and opportunities for them to experiment, discover and create. Time that is treasured from busy daily life, artistic spaces that is a short supply in Kent, precious opportunities to speak up and change the world.

Gulbenkian is a powder bag, where young people, artists, academics and communities meet the creative ideas. As these new ideas collide, we use confidence grow, cancers form, talent get allegiance, work get created and the future unrolled.

THE FUTUR IS XR-RATED

A season of experimental films from 1949, curated by Lawrence Sanders, Curator of Film at the University of Kent.

MAY 9, 19, 30 JAN. - THE WILD BOY. COMEDY, INTRODUCED BY PROFESSOR PETER STANFORD

MAY 10, 16, 26 JAN. - MIDNIGHT COMEDY. INTRODUCED BY ALISON SCH-uppercase

MAY 20, 10, 4 JAN. - TEXTS TO BROWN: INTRODUCED BY PROFESSOR JULIAN PELTIE

SAT 8 JUNE 2000PM

MTS SHOWCASE: 50 YEARS ON BROADWAY

Sing along with University of Kent’s Musical Theatre Society as they perform a collection of your favourite musical theatre hits from the past 50 years in a night to remember.

MAY 10, 17, 27 JAN. - T24 DRAMA SOCIETY: THE ACE FACE

A brilliant new play inspired by the mods and rockers. An original piece of writing by Ben Duriant and Matt Wilks, in response to the Gulbenkian’s 50th birthday.

FRIDAY 21 JUNE 1000PM

KENT SOUND-OFF: BATTLE OF THE BANDS

A special competition event celebrating local music talent, produced by Glass Ceiling Productions. Calling all Kentish bands! Were hunting for the next Kent sound to submit an original song and compete in this special Battle of the Bands competition. Logo printed up for grabs.

For further details, terms, clauses and conditions, click here for more information.

SAT 15 JUNE ALL NIGHT

RADICAL ROOTS: WORK BY GULBENKIAN’S YOUTH GROUPS

An exciting pop-up exhibition, part of the Festival for the local community, celebrating Gulbenkian’s heritage as a site of radical ideas. It will involve an interactive exhibition, youth performances, films, workshops and talks. Supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and by Arts Kent.

MON 17 JUNE 300PM

YOU ARE HERE: THE BIOGRAPHY OF A MOMENT

Based on the book You are Here: The Biography of a Moment by Matthew Weil’s, this event consists of readings from his novel, with soundscapes, fragmented readings and projected imagery to present an experimental look at the local history of Canterbury in a Unusual format. Open to the public, celebrating the Canterbury Sound of the late 60s and early 70s.

PM 15 JUNE 4PM

NEW CANTERBURY SOUND: NELSON PARODIS, THE Sibi & Evil Usees

Founded by Syd Arthur. Dawn Chorus Recording Company are proud to present a specially curated evening of music in celebration of 50 years of the Gulbenkian’s lineage. Includes the immersive and incredible evil Usees, Nelson Parodi’s luminous siren-song driven psychedelic pace and the soft intimate calling of The Sibis. Plus Shimmering Sounds host our late stage.

SAT 22 JUNE 4PM

THE CANTERBURY SOUND: A 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A special celebration of some of the most iconic bands of the Canterbury Sound in Kent with a special tribute to the Kent Sound of 1969. Four bands, four bands, four bands, four bands, four bands, four bands, four bands.

Book tickets and find out more about the festival at www.thegulbenkian.co.uk or 01227 769675.