

## Visual Treasure Hunt – Children

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*A Willow Grows Aslant the Brook*

The New Art Gallery Walsall, Floor 3

*Hello! I hope you enjoy looking at these paintings. I have designed a route around the gallery with some things to look out for. Always remember that you can chose to look at art however you like! These questions are just suggestions. And there are no wrong answers. Have fun! – Anj Smith (artist)*

### **GALLERY 1 (long gallery)**

#### ***S.O.S.***

Somewhere in this painting, there is a little purple monkey. Can you find it?

#### ***Source, Sender, Channel, Message***

In this painting, there is a bright yellow arc. Does it remind you of anything? (There are no wrong answers!)

#### ***Landscape with Lagerstätte***

If you look carefully, can you see a face underneath the colourful fabric?

#### ***Landscape with Deep Void***

There are two birds in this work. One has a lot of feathers. Which bird is your favourite?

#### ***Night Haul***

In these drawings, you might be able to find a feather, an ice lolly and some berries. What else can you see?

#### ***Rhinoceros***

The person in this painting has their hair tied up to look a bit like the horn of a rhino. Have you ever seen a rhino, in pictures or in real life?

## **GALLERY 2 (left of lifts)**

### ***This Vegetable Universe***

Maybe the person in this painting is singing. What is your favourite song?

### ***Cosmic Call***

Have you ever seen a jellyfish? There is a big one here, next to the ice cream.

### ***Wreath***

Do you like tangerines? Can you see the fruit's peel in this painting? What kind of fruit do you like to eat?

### ***Nightclubber***

Can you see any tiny silver ants in this work? They live in a hot desert. Did you know that there are lots of creatures who are able to live in a desert?

## **GALLERY 3 (central space)**

### ***Wheft***

In this painting, there is not much growing. Maybe you can see flowers on the fabric instead?

### ***False Steward***

Can you see a small black and white ladybird in the bottom right-hand side? Did you know that ladybirds come in different colours? This type is called a Harlequin ladybird.

### ***Night in May***

What does the moon make you think of?

### ***Landscapes of Arboreality***

Here are more moons – look at the bottom right-hand side. Can you see the stars and planets as well?

### ***Names of the Hare***

The paint is very thick in parts of the hare's fur. If you are painting, can you paint in any way you like?

### ***(Untitled) Mayday***

If you look very closely, you might be able to see a lizard, a frog and a turtle, suspended in frozen orbs. Did you know that some clever animals can freeze solid and then unfreeze again when they decide to?

### ***Lost in Time***

Another ice lolly! What is your favourite treat to eat?

## **GALLERY 4 (corner gallery)**

### ***Echo's Annex***

Here are three drawings of a caterpillar, a chrysalis and a moth. Did you know that caterpillars can create a special changing room called a chrysalis? It's where they change into moths and butterflies.

### ***The Deliquescence***

Can you see that the ice has cracked into shapes and lines in this painting? What is your favourite shape? A square, a triangle or a diamond, perhaps?

### ***Flowerings of the Chocolate Cosmos***

There is a reddish pink flower trapped under the ice – can you find it? In real life these flowers actually smell of chocolate!

### ***The Lover***

In this painting, the lipstick is dark purple. That is my favourite colour. What's yours?