

Here Lies Art 2010

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A Public Art Exhibition of Victorian Funeral Traditions



During Victorian times no funeral was complete without pomp & ceremony provided by undertakers with black-plumed horses, elaborate horse-drawn hearses, funeral coaches, and attendants. It is not easy to understand the Victorian pre-occupation with death nor the logic applied to the expense of a funeral. The onset of World War I brought the demand for ornate funerals to an end.

This public art exhibition brings these funeral traditions alive in the splendid restored Anglican Chapel in Nunhead Cemetery, one of the Magnificent Seven Victorian cemeteries on the

outskirts of London, opened in 1840. Here lies art inspired by: burials and catacombs; tombs and monuments; mourning dress and stationery; angels and symbols of death. And a photographic tribute to the Leysdown tragedy, where 8 Walworth scouts drowned at sea, one of them, William Beckham, is an ascendant of the footballer David Beckham.

Come and be entertained by death: make our Victorian mute smile played by Megan Broadmeadow; take rest on Julia Peat's bench and read a poem in rhyming slang; enjoy an informative poetry performance by Narayani Guibarra on Victorian mourning dresses; and hear a Great War poem by David Jones, read by Hywell Wynn Jones and Jill Rock. Tours up the turret tower in Chapel are available in the afternoon.

Participating Artists: Nick Baelz, Megan Broadmeadow, Elizabeth Chojak-Mysko, Lorraine Clarke, Kath Cottee, Elisabetta Fumigalli, Deborah Gardner Geraldine Hallett, Alex Halfin, Lydia Hardwick, Mike Hoath, Jane Horward, Desiree Ickerodt, Jolanta Jagiello, Gillian Laidlaw, Linda Lomri, Dorothy Love, Bridget McKenzie, Brain McKenzie, Megan McKenzie, Mali, Debora Mo, Jill Rock, Julia Peat, Jeff Soan, Sara Scott, Kim Thornton, Jeremy Turner.

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