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Art gallery The Tetley moving from iconic Leeds building after 10 years of success



The Tetley, exterior shot. Children explore Afra Eisma's exhibition *splashdown tender*, 2023. Installation view at The Tetley, 2023. Photos: Jules Lister

Contemporary art gallery The Tetley in Leeds will leave its current home in the former Tetley's brewery headquarters in December 2023 after ten years, as its lease comes to an end.

Since opening as an art gallery in 2013, The Tetley has welcomed nearly a million visitors through its doors.

In the last ten years, The Tetley has presented 56 exhibitions, including **Yorkshire's only Turner-prize winning exhibition**, Tai Shani's *Semiramis*. Through this vibrant exhibitions schedule, plus a popular calendar of talks, screenings, performances, workshops, markets and festivals, and a series of sector-leading artist development programmes, the gallery has worked with more than 1200 artists – based locally, nationally and internationally.

As well as the gallery's breathtaking programme of free exhibitions, and a busy events schedule of weddings, conferences and celebrations, The Tetley has a successful track record of engaging with its local communities.

In the last year alone, the gallery's under 5s play space, Tiny Tetley Studio, has welcomed more than **10,000** young children, parents and carers, and the gallery's participation programme has engaged with almost **14,000 people** hosting community groups and organisations at the building and working offsite in south Leeds to bring creative projects to parks and community centres.

The Tetley's on site exhibition programme ends on Sunday 22 October 2023, with shows by artists Afra Eisma and Richy Carey.

The Tetley Bar & Kitchen will stop operating from 22 October 2023.

In November and December, the building will open for a series of takeovers by community initiatives and festivals such as Baby Week Leeds and Big Up festival of art and social change.

The Tetley will close to the public from 17 December onwards, and in 2024, the artistic programme will move off site, including *Inside Out*, a new participatory art project designed to facilitate children's play in collaboration with communities and partner organisations in Beeston and Beeston Hill.

The charity that operates The Tetley, Project Space Leeds, will announce exciting plans for a new home soon, continuing its mission to create a platform for amazing emerging artists, present breathtaking free exhibitions and help communities and young people in Leeds find their creative voices.

Bryony Bond, Director, The Tetley, says:

'It's been a privilege to be based in this iconic building in Leeds for the last ten years. We're so proud of everything we've achieved here. We fulfil a vital role for the visual arts, and for families and young people in Leeds, and are looking forward to continuing our important work in the city.'

We encourage everyone to visit us while we're still at The Tetley, to see our brilliant free exhibitions programme, explore our family play space, Tiny Tetley Studio, and enjoy fantastic food and drink in our Bar & Kitchen until 22 October.'

Frank Finlay, Chair of Project Space Leeds, says:

'The Tetley has made an enormous contribution to the cultural life of Leeds and beyond. After a decade of remarkable achievement in our current home we will be embarking on an exciting new chapter. We are deeply grateful to our supporters, artists, and partners for all their dedication, commitment and passion. As we transition to our new location, we are looking forward to continuing our mission to champion and nurture contemporary art and artists, as well as fostering creativity and inspiration for the wider communities we serve.'

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NOTES TO EDITORS

2023 PROGRAMME AT THE TETLEY

Afra Eisma: splashdown tender
23 June – 22 October 2023

Richy Carey: {stereo - type - music}
14 July – 22 October 2023

Big Up festival of arts and social change
4–5 November 2023

Baby Week Leeds takes over The Tetley
15–19 November 2023

Performance: Susan Sentler & Northern School of Contemporary Dance
9–10 December 2023

Bobby Baker: Epic Domestic Celebration and After Party Installation in collaboration with Women's Health Matters
13-17 December 2023

Visit The Tetley's website for more information: thetetley.org

About The Tetley

The Tetley is a contemporary art gallery located in the stunning art deco headquarters of the former Tetley Brewery. From the heart of Leeds' South Bank, The Tetley creates a platform for amazing emerging artists, presents breathtaking free exhibitions and helps communities and young people in Leeds find their creative voice.

HISTORY OF THE TETLEY

The 1930s building was transformed in 2013 to house unique gallery spaces, a learning studio for an award-winning participation programme, an artist residency studio, offices for creative businesses, a busy Bar & Kitchen and welcoming spaces for meetings and events, from performances and parties to conferences.

The charity that operates The Tetley, Project Space Leeds, was founded by artist-curators, Pippa Hale, Kerry Harker and Diane Howse in 2006, and artists remain at the centre of everything we do today. Proudly investing in new and emerging artists to create work, we fulfil a vital role within visual arts in Leeds, offering a significant public platform alongside outstanding national and international work, often presented in the UK for the first time.

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