



Damien Hirst's Hymn to be shown at Norwich University of the Arts

Damien Hirst's monumental anatomical sculpture, Hymn (1999–2005), will be shown at Norwich University of the Arts (NUA) from March 26th to July 29th.

The 20ft bronze sculpture will be exhibited on the NUA campus in the St George's area of the city - coinciding with the major exhibition of Hirst's work at Houghton Hall.

Professor Neil Powell, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) at NUA, thanked the Houghton team, Science and Norwich City Council for their support in bringing Hymn to Norwich.

Professor Powell said: "Temporary public art is a way to give wider access to creativity, imagination and the unexpected. It gives pause for thought, a reason for a conversation or can present a challenge to established ideas of a place or context.

"The opportunity to show Hymn at NUA was unmissable given that the university is at the creative centre of the city and the work epitomises the historical relationships between art and science, anatomical study with medicine.

"The work also captures that spark of creativity and magnifies it on an architectural scale. Like much of Hirst's work, it is audacious and provocative. What better place to locate such a work at NUA where student artists are exploring their creative ideas?"

Hymn will be in place through the Norfolk and Norwich Festival in May through to NUA's graduation ceremonies in July.

Notes for editors

Damien Hirst at Houghton Hall: Colour Space Paintings and Outdoor Sculptures' takes place from the 25 March – 15 July. The exhibition features a series of new paintings by Hirst that will be installed in the State Rooms at Houghton Hall. The exhibition will also include a number of the artist's most celebrated sculptures which will be installed throughout the 18th-century house and gardens.

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Students join a thriving creative community at a university renowned for outstanding teaching quality, industry-standard facilities and high student satisfaction.

Thanks to a strong record on employability, you'll find our graduates leading successful careers across the creative arts: from fashion, fine art and film, to photography, games and visual effects.

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