

Symbols, Myths, Legends exhibition opens at Courtyard Arts

Courtyard Arts Gallery is delighted to announce "Symbols, Myths, Legends", a joint exhibition by Hertfordshire artists Linda Keeley and Chris Benton, running from 30 September to 25 October 2025.

This evocative exhibition explores the enduring power of mythological symbols, ancient narratives, and cultural storytelling. Through a diverse range of media, Keeley and Benton invite viewers to reflect on how the visual language of early civilizations continues to shape contemporary artistic expression.

About the artists

Linda Keeley is a Hertfordshire-based artist working in mixed media, printmaking, and ceramics. Her previous exhibition, *Explore Dream Discover* (2022), reflected themes of travel, introspection, and visual experimentation. Keeley's work is known for its layered textures, abstract forms, and a playful yet contemplative style that encourages personal interpretation.

Chris Benton is a neuro-radiographer and mixed media artist whose work is inspired by medical imagery, anatomy, and pathology. His art often incorporates recycled materials and found objects, transforming clinical visuals into emotionally resonant pieces. Benton's previous exhibition, *Threads of Time*, explored historical narratives through fabric and collage, blending science and symbolism in a unique visual language.

"This exhibition is a celebration of the symbolic imagination. Linda and Chris each bring a distinct lens to the myths and legends that shape our cultural memory. Their work speaks to the timeless human need to make meaning through image, texture, and story."

— Laura Burns, Director, Courtyard Arts

Visit and discover

Join us for an immersive journey into the symbolic worlds of two visionary artists. Whether you're drawn to the tactile richness of Keeley's ceramics or the conceptual depth of Benton's collages, *Symbols, Myths, Legends* promises to be a thought-provoking and visually stunning experience.

Exhibition details

Themes: Mythology, symbolism, cultural storytelling.

Mediums: Mixed media, ceramics, collage, printmaking.

Location: Courtyard Arts Gallery, Port Vale, Hertford, SG14 3AA.

Dates: 30 September – 25 October 2025.

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10am – 4pm.

Admission: Free

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Notes to editors

- Courtyard Arts is Hertford's leading visual arts venue. Comprising two galleries and shop with two teaching studios, it has been a meeting place for creative minds for almost 25 years.
- The galleries at Courtyard Arts, showcase an exciting and diverse range of work from both established and emerging artists.
- Classes at Courtyard offer everyone of all ages and abilities the opportunity to discover a variety of media, including ceramics and glass in our fully-equipped studio, housing pottery wheels and kilns.
- The team regularly run art programmes with young carers, dementia sufferers, recovering addicts, the elderly and local schools. In addition, Courtyard runs art classes at the centre for home educated children.