

The Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall



**“A Place of Joy”
By Emily Tyler**

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Five creatives have been appointed by The Methodist Church at Coventry Central Hall, as part of the city’s celebration as UK City of Culture.

The artists, **Emilie, Emily, Mark, Nikki, and Seb** will bring visual art, poetry, origami, creative sessions and music into the heart of Coventry creating a lasting legacy.

This marks the start of a year-long investment in the arts by the Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit of the Methodist Church, with work focused on Coventry Central Hall as well as other churches in the region.

The artists will begin taking up residence in June 2021 and one or more will be present over the whole year.

The Rev'd Marcus Torchon, Superintendent Minister, said:

“Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit are delighted to be providing this opportunity for the arts to be celebrated in Central Hall and other churches in the region during the City of Culture year. Making these residencies possible at Coventry Central Hall represents our commitment to celebrate the God-given creativity of all the people in our region.”

Rev'd Stephen Willey, Minister at Central Hall said: “It is exciting to see our mission to nurture and celebrate faith, hope and love coming to life in Coventry this year through these artists.”

Striving to make the Arts accessible to all: - By hosting art events that celebrate the cultural diversity of our City, By celebrating Methodist faith and culture through the arts. By creating a legacy beyond 2021 that will continue to nurture and grow the arts in our City.



Emilie Lauren Jones has performed her poetry across the UK and Ireland and is widely published in anthologies. She runs regular writing workshops for adults and children and is involved in several events for City of Culture. Emilie is part of the current Nine Arches Press 'Dynamo' scheme. Her work often reflects on life in the West Midlands.

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Emily Tyler began her art journey at an early age. She had parents who exposed her to many galleries and local district artists.

She moved to London to go to drama school and got her degree in Stage management. She found her spark and style after moving to Coventry and now uses her love of architecture, photography and Colour to create her pieces. She hopes to bring life and vibrancy to central hall with the use of her digital art.

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Mark writes, "I am - primarily - an illustrator & cartoonist. However, during lockdown I have somehow become somebody who makes things by folding paper. Origami has been a fantastic outlet for my creativity, and helped me get through what have been strange & difficult times."

Website - www.mdillustration.com

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Nikki has a background in illustrating and graphic design and currently enjoys working as a community artist, encouraging people to try things they've never tried before and to bring out the creative in everyone.

She's really looking forward to running bookable and drop in sessions at Coventry Central Hall to introduce people to batik, as well as "EnviroArt" and other techniques, and bringing these pieces together to adorn some of the spaces in the building.

Website - www.enviro-art.co.uk www.i-am-me.uk

www.faithhopeloveart.today - coming soon!

Instagram / fb: iammecreative



Seb Farrall Local conductor, is calling on all musicians to get involved in the brand new 'Coventry City of Culture Orchestra'. He's looking for instrumentalists to be in the orchestra, singers to form a festival chorus for the final celebration concert, as well as your thoughts on what music reflects Coventry's Culture.

Head to the website to get involved www.coventryorchestra.co.uk/seb



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