

**Press Release**  
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**ARTsenal**

11:00-19:00, 29 April 2017

10:00-18:00, 30 April 2017

10.00-17.00, 1 May 2017

La Chaufferie, Arsenal, 6  
rue de Pères Blancs, 1040  
Bruxelles.



**ARTsenal**  
exhibition of affordable original art  
April 29 - May 1, 2017

*Free entrance*

[www.artsenal.eu](http://www.artsenal.eu)

### ***ARTsenal provides platform for little known Brussels artists***

The ARTsenal Exhibition of affordable, original art returns on 29 April to 1 May to ‘La Chaufferie’, part of the historic Arsenal buildings on the Boulevard General Jacques. For the fifth time since 2012, the ARTsenal group will be presenting an exciting collection of new art pieces created by artists living and working in Brussels. This latest edition will feature new emerging artists alongside more established sculptors and painters. “There is so much hidden creativity in our community,” says organizer Clare Richardson. “The public rarely has the chance to see it because there is a lack of opportunity for new artists to exhibit.”

‘ARTsenal’ was created by artists for artists in 2012 at the initiative of founding members Lourda Sheppard, an accomplished Irish artist and art teacher, and organizer Clare Richardson. It has, since the beginning benefitted from support from local businesses, the local ‘Comité d’Amitié’ and the Etterbeek Commune. In particular, the group has been grateful for the support of Choux de Bruxelles, the present owners of the Chaufferie, a beautifully restored historic building not usually open to the general public.

Its aim is to provide a friendly yet professional collective exhibition of art from an eclectic group of artists all based in Brussels. Artists are present throughout the exhibition and are more than happy to talk with visitors about their art, perhaps over a cup of coffee or tea. For art lovers, ARTsenal is an opportunity to meet the artists and gain an insight into their various sources of inspiration. And, if you fall in love with one of their works, prices are very affordable ranging from as little €50 to €1500. It is also possible to commission work from the artists should you love their style but not see exactly what you want.

“The response from artists has been fantastic and we aim to curate an exhibition with lots of variety so that every visitor can find something that is to their taste,” says Clare. The exhibition also has a definite international flavour, featuring local Belgian artists alongside painters from many other countries who have made Belgium their home.

Come along and discover the rich variety of hidden creativity on your doorstep! A perfect outing for the long May weekend.



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## ABOUT ARTsenal

ARTsenal is a not-for-profit group that offers artists an excellent platform through which to share their work more widely. The exhibition takes place in La Chaufferie, formerly the foundry for the military barracks built on this site between 1901 and 1930 and operational until 1976. The building was finally renovated in 2010 by the present owners and now offers a beautiful space for private events. The initiative is made possible by Choux de Bruxelles, Frank Van Bockstal, Schepen van Nederlandstalige Aangelegenheden, Etterbeek Commune, the Comité de Quartier «L'Amitié», Morrison & Foerster, Agra restaurant and, of course, the artists themselves. ARTsenal will run 11.00 to 19.00 on Saturday 29 April; 10:00 to 18:00 on Sunday 30 April and 10.00 to 17.00 on Monday 1 May. An invitation-only 'vernissage' will be held on Friday 28 April from 18:30 - 21:30 (press welcome).



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## Note to editors

Pictures of previous ARTsenal events are available in high resolution on request. To view pictures visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/artsenal/albums>. For interviews with Lourda Sheppard or Clare Richardson, please contact Clare Richardson directly.

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