

Perfectly Strange

Perfectly Strange...This exhibition brings together the magic artists have to tell stories and myths. Whether rooted in Welsh tradition or from lands far and beyond, mythical and real. Do you have a story lurking deep within you ? Take part in this activity sheet to discover the wonderful merits of your perfectly strange imagination.

Anna Ffrances - Dream



"I am inspired by the Welsh language, its folk tales, nursery rhymes ('Hwiangerddi') and ancient poetry ('Hen Benillion')." - Anna Ffrances

Activity Time: Draw your dreams

Take a look at the image above. Anna Frances has titled it 'Dream'. She uses mixed media to illustrate her stories. Her use of colour looks dreamy and hazy what do you think the characters represent ? What dream could they be having.

Have you ever had a bizzare and fantastical dream ? Maybe you were flying though the sky or or swimming in the deep ocean.

Grab a piece of paper and draw out your dream, be interesting with your use of colour and pattern making, bring this story to life !



Draw your dream

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin green border, occupying most of the page, intended for drawing.

Storytelling and Poetry



Dod at fy Nghoed
by Ruth Jên Evans

Merry we march merry we dance, Through the day and night where at the stars we glance

With pots, seeds and walking staffs we are off to the land of arts and crafts.

Merry we make merry we create, through the day and night producing natures gifts to deliver to our patron saint.

- Mission Gallery poem inspired by Ruth's Work

Activity Time

When you think of story telling, You often think of wonderful written words. spread across a page in a book, Ruth takes story telling that little bit further by using wonderful creatures to portray a visual story often inspired by the Mabinogi.

There are many ways to tell a story, some artists use poems, others use the spoken word and like Ruth, some use illustration.

We want you to imagine a wild and wonderful creature he can be big and bold or small and shy, Does your creature have furry ears and a pointy beak ? Does your creature have glittery wings and long legs ?

Grab some colours and design your Perfectly strange creature...
When they are brought to life, we want you to write a short poem about your creature !

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Activity Time: My Creature

Activity Time: My Poem



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Shapeshifting Materials



Winged Musing- Fiona Morley

"If thoughts were conjured into form this winged creature would be one of them." - Fiona Morley

Activity Time: The Continuous Line

Drawing is an incredibly important part of Fiona's process, it helps her sculptures find their way in the world. Look at the sculpture closely... Trace how the wire twists and bends to bring the mythical shape to life. By creating art this way, Fiona shows a key theme in Myths and Folklore, which is the interconnectedness of things in nature...

Fiona's work is based on creatures which were said to be shapeshifters that could take the appearance of horses, goats, cats, dogs, and hares. They may also take a human form, which includes various animal features

Grab a pen and explore how to use continuous line to create forms, and shapeshifting elements. Once your pen hits the paper do not take it off! Watch how the lines of ink transform to create your perfectly strange marks.



Continuous Line

