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Bristol's Colston Hall to unveil new art gallery

Local artists are being given the chance to exhibit their work at a new gallery being launched by Bristol.

The Colston Hall, which welcomes 250,000 people through its doors every year, is launching the exhibition space in their new £20 million foyer building.

The space, called The Glass Room, will be officially opened on 3 September with a specially commissioned exhibition of new work.

It is being looked after in partnership with Love Local, the company which runs the crafts fairs held at the Colston Hall.

Love Local director Bryony Morgan said: "The Glass Room is a lovely exhibition space and we are really excited [to support] local artists into regular exhibitions at the hall.

"Our artistic policy is not selective or restrictive - if artists like the space and have quality work to show they'll be given the chance to exhibit."

Creative agenda

The open space that is to be the new gallery was set to be used for retail purposes when the new foyer opened last year.

However, when local groups, artists and venues approached the hall wanting to use the space, the bosses decided to abandon the original plan and open the space to the artists.

Colston Hall director Graeme Howell said the new gallery would be one of the "highest profile exhibition spaces in Bristol".

"Colston Hall has a strong track record in supporting musical talent in the city," he said.

"With the widening creative industries agenda, it makes sense to use our space to help artists and creatives get their work seen."

The Glass Room's opening exhibition runs from 3 September to 2 October, with a chance to meet the artists on the opening night between 6pm and 8pm.

Any artists interested in exhibiting their work in the new space should contact [Bryony Morgan](#).



The £20m Colston Hall foyer was opened in 2009 to much fanfair

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