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Press Release – for immediate release

Worthing Theatres and Museum announce exhibition celebrating their local community during the Covid pandemic

Worthing Theatres and Museum are excited to announce that the Museum and Gallery will be reopening with four fantastic new exhibitions from Saturday 22 May 2021.

WTM's photographic exhibition **In Their Shoes - Tales Of Life During Lockdown** celebrates WTM's local community during the Covid pandemic. The exhibition combines a series of portraits, narrative accounts and a poignant soundscape, to capture the experiences of 14 individuals and groups and tell their lockdown stories. These stories have been brought together by local photographer Anja Poehlmann, sound artist Adam Moffatt-Seaman and Worthing Museum Engagement Officer, Vicki Wells, to capture this unique episode in our shared contemporary history.

Professionals from the teaching and construction industries, key and front line workers; including refuse operatives, a supermarket cashier and Intensive Care nurses give accounts of not stopping - rather working in extreme and testing conditions during a time of international crisis.

The pantomime Dame who wasn't able to perform, a chef who made meals for charity in the kitchen of a disused restaurant, school children and a clinically vulnerable person - unable to leave her home at all, recount the toll the pandemic has taken on them personally and professionally. Others tell of the joy of engaging with nature for their mental wellbeing, walking on the South Downs or swimming in the sea.

Vicki Wells, WTM Engagement Officer says *'In Their Shoes is an extraordinary photographic exhibition that unwraps the collective experience of local people during the pandemic lockdowns of 2020. Stories of adaptation, resilience and the endurance of individuals are told through portraiture,*



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sound and testimony. It's a joy to see the best of human nature revealed through these narratives.'

Initially the museum will be open Saturdays (10am-5pm) and Thursdays (10am-8pm). The exhibitions and permanent collections are free to view, however as a charitable organisation WTM welcomes donations which support their work bringing arts and heritage to Worthing. Additional safety measures remain in place throughout the museum and visitors are asked to wear masks in line with government guidance.

CEO Amanda O'reilly says 'We are delighted to be reopening the museum offering the community access to a fantastic set of exhibitions, most with a local link, alongside an amazing programme of walks, talks and workshops. We have also been working hard behind the scenes and regular museum visitors should see some exciting improvements. We will continue to prioritise safety in all our venues, will be limiting the number of people inside the museum and continuing to implement additional safety procedures.'

For more information and to book event tickets visit www.wtam.uk or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206206.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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EXHIBITIONS LISTING

In Their Shoes - Tales Of Life During Lockdown

Date: Saturday 22 May 2021

Venue: Studio Gallery, Worthing Museum



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Link:

<https://wtam.uk/event/exhibition-in-their-shoes-ales-of-life-during-lockdown/>

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