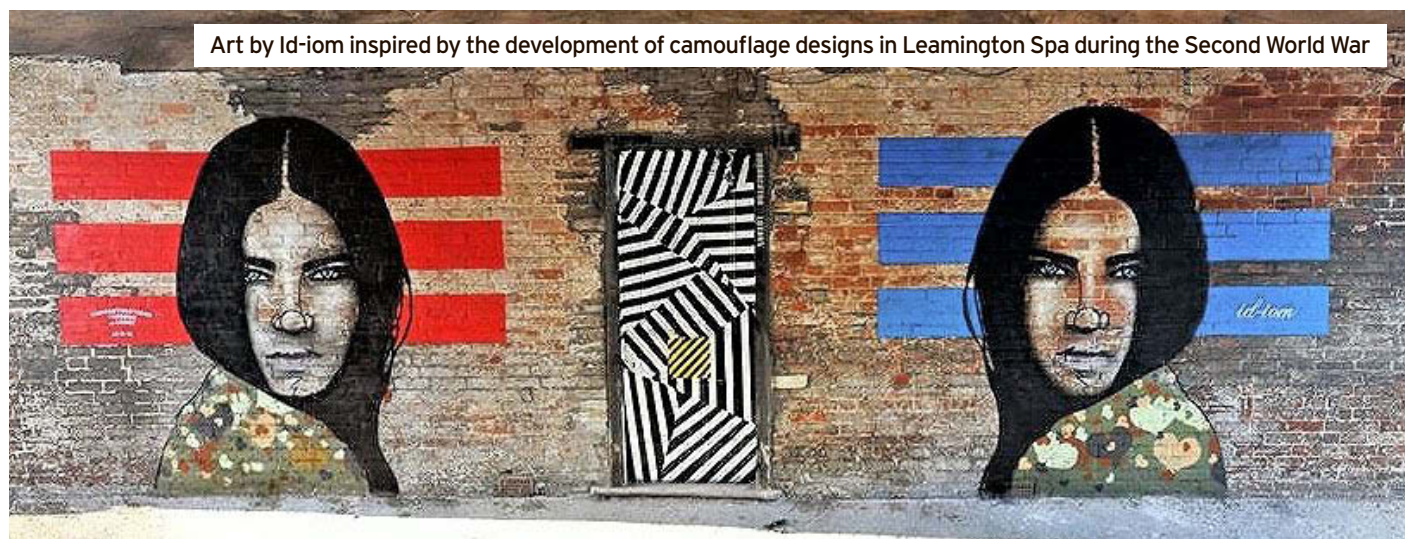


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# Graffiti art brightens up the Old Town



NEWLY formed Contemporary Arts organisation Street Fusion, in collaboration with Midlands-based graffiti team BRINK, have put together a huge display of Contemporary Art murals in Leamington Old Town, which

they describe as a large-scale "outdoor gallery".

The event which was held on Sunday, September 25, was dedicated to the memory of artist and BRINK collaborator Simon Hush, who died on September 13.

BRINK founder Tim Robottom said: "Hush was a legend in the graffiti world and also a very good friend."

"He supported our events and activities from the very start and always spoke highly of us to

other major players. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him and we are still trying to come to terms with the loss of such a talented artist."

Two artists, Foundry (from Sheffield) and Reko (from Peterborough) were both invited to create a huge tribute mural on the large, back wall of the AGA Range Master building, which is next to the canal and adjacent to the Eagle Recreation Ground.

There was an amazing piece created for the event by London-based Street Art duo, Id-iom. Located on Clemens Street in the tunnel that leads to the Hindu tem-

ple, the work relates to the creation and development of camouflage designs in Leamington Spa during the Second World War.

Walsall-based graffiti artist Skema created a wonderful piece on the Alumno development hoarding on the canal near Clemens Street, that spells out "OLD TOWN", with the fill of the letters depicting a scene of old town as viewed from the Pump Room Gardens.

Other guest artists who took part in the event were: Crom, Daub, Dice, Distorted Minds (Void One and Craig), Dream Team, Dynamick, Etch, Kept, Num3, Rumah and

StellC. No fewer than 19 professional artists from all over the UK, descended on Old Town in what can only be described as a cacophony of colour, to create the large-scale works of art.

There are four different sites where the murals are located: the old Eagle Foundry (Range Master), the Alumno development hoarding on the canal towpath near Althorpe Industrial Estate, the tunnel next to Chez Rama on Clemens Street and Bath Place development hoarding.

Street Fusion intends to expand on these sites in the future with other

locations, some of which are presently under negotiation.

The group's aim is to brighten and improve the surrounding area with the introduction of large scale works of art in the form of murals and sculpture.

To commission a work or to get involved in Street Fusion's projects, contact the team on: 079 6004 3395.

The Street Fusion event was sponsored by: Alumno Developments LTD and Interserve Construction LTD, AGA Range Master, HB Villages Ltd, TCL Tool Hire Ltd, Leamington Green Party and The Jug & Jester.

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AN OPTICIANS in Coventry is collecting unwanted specs to help raise funds for international charity Vision Aid Overseas.

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Donations can be dropped off

at the collection point in-store to be recycled and sold on to support the charity's ongoing work.

Store director Gurpreet Bains said: "Through the donation of old glasses, we are helping to provide access to eyecare for people in developing countries."

"Vision Aid Overseas works

tirelessly to ensure those needs are met, and customer donations are vital to their success."

The organisation raises money by selling the materials from old glasses.

The recycling method is environmentally friendly and enables the charity to fund its overseas projects.