



## PRESS RELEASE

### All Aboard The Sir Peter Blake Art Bus.

Linton Children's Book Festival and The Darryl Nantais Gallery are thrilled to announce that the **Sir Peter Blake Art Bus** will be coming to Linton on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The bus will be with us for three days, taking in our four local schools and joining the Gallery for an Exhibition.

The striking restored 20-year-old double-decker, which used to serve Liverpool, has been designed so that the top deck, complete with balcony and extended roof height, is a gallery, with an entertainment area downstairs. Sir Peter, the Godfather of British Pop Art (most famous for designing the Beatles "Sergeant Pepper" album cover) designed the exterior of the bus in a rock n' roll pop art style, ensuring that its appearance is flamboyant, glamorous and fabulously groovy. The exuberant design includes motifs that are instantly familiar, such as Mickey Mouse. The use of childhood characters not only grabs the attention of the young, but also opens their eyes to the fact that Art can be fun.

The bus will be visiting all the schools in Linton, creating opportunities to learn firsthand about Sir Peter Blake and the pop art genre. An exhibition of children's "Peter Blake" inspired art will be on view at the Linton Children's Book Festival 8-9<sup>th</sup> May. Also at the Book Festival you will have the opportunity to meet children's authors John Foster, Barbara Mitchelhill, Simon Chapman, Pete Johnson, Narinder Dhani and Paul Cooper. Amongst other exciting opportunities available will be Manga cartoon, Fairyland Trust and poetry workshops, "Beast Quest" treasure hunt, and many drop-in storytelling and craft activities. To conclude this weekend of free events for families, Linton Festival Orchestra with narration by Rod Halls will perform Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. This is your opportunity to see "The World in a Weekend".

Hop aboard for the **Modern British Masters** exhibition hosted by **The Darryl Nantais Gallery**. The Private View is from 5-10pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May and the bus will be open outside the Gallery for the Private View (until 9pm) and during the day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May (from 10am to 4pm). The Gallery will also be open on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 4pm. The Exhibition continues until 4pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010, and will include, alongside Sir Peter Blake, work by Sandra Blow RA, Charlotte Cornish, Donald Hamilton Fraser RA, Sir Terry Frost RA, John Hoyland RA, Barbara Rae RA and Storm Thorgerson. The Gallery's opening times are: Tuesday to Friday 10am to 3pm and Saturday 12 to 4pm.

This is one bus you are guaranteed not to miss!

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