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Jamaica Street Artists join the pop-up phenomenon.



Jamaica Street Artists will be providing an alternative treat for shoppers on Bristol's busy Park Street this Christmas with the opening of their pop-up shop and gallery 'The Art Box'. Launching with a grand opening on the 1st December, the shop will then be open until Christmas, offering special late night shopping every Thursday.

Pop-up shops and temporary galleries have become an international trend and Bristol City Council has joined the movement by offering empty shop units to arts and cultural organizations across Bristol. Jamaica Street Artists have secured a term in The Showroom, which has already been home to a Zombie game, puppet show and exhibition.

Jamaica Street Artists are using this opportunity to create a unique temporary exhibition and shopping experience, providing a chance to buy one-off gifts this Christmas. Popular illustrator and surface pattern designer Hannah McVicar will be recreating the success of her Chelsea Flower Show stand and jeweller Katherine Villanueva will be presenting a collection of precious creations inspired by nature. The studio's talented illustrators, recently featured in Design Week, will be offering original artworks and limited edition prints including whimsical characters from Serena Curmi, tasty morsels from Emma Dibben and surreal creations from Tom Mead.

Also featured are the quirky creatures and unique designs of textile artists and designers Helen Williams and Hatty Powis and an exhibition of paintings, decking the walls from Rose Sanderson, Jemma Grundon and Abigail McDougall, amongst others. Also available will be books, prints and cards from JSA artists, a number of whom will be on-hand, every day, to answer questions or accept commissions.

Jamaica Street Artists are an artist-lead organization, and this entrepreneurial venture characterises the inventiveness of this impressive studio group. If you've been to a JSA event before you'll know this will be one Christmas experience not to miss.

The Art Box, The Showroom, 31 College Green, Bristol, BS1

1st December – Christmas

Open Wednesday – Sunday, 11am- 6pm

Late night opening on Thursdays till 9pm

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