

Biography of current kiosk tenants

Shrug

In 2003 Amy Nicholson and Suzy Gunn came together and became the co-founders of SHRUG, a Performance and live art Company. Amy originally trained as a Theatre Designer at Nottingham Trent University, whilst Suzy studied Contemporary Theatre at Hull University, Scarborough campus.

SHRUG 'happenings' began with an urge for glamour, a chance to turn monotonous actions into durational acts; performances for everyone to view. Our work has always been very site specific, visually striking and yet unimposing to our audience. Our target audience is the general public, anyone and everyone who wants to interact with us is encouraged to do so. If they do not wish to immerse themselves in our world, they may walk by, or stare from afar.



SonoDesign

Sonodesign specialise in the design and production of contemporary products and furniture. The company was created by Grant Baker and Nick Jackson, two young and innovative designers who share a passion for designing unique, yet simple products produced in the UK. This partnership was formed during the duos time spent studying furniture and product design at university. It was here that their desire for creating accessible products for the retail market developed, prompting them to start their own design venture. Setup straight out of university and still in its maiden year of trading, sonodesign has acquired some impressive stockists nationwide including Purves and Purves, Selfridges and the Design Museum with this base and the brand constantly increasing their collection this British design duo are defiantly ones to watch.



Bantum

"One to Watch."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ustx-HFpIKE>

Berny bAntum has cooked up something rare. The Japanese Bantam chicken described as 'small, aggressive and spirited' encapsulates the essence of the label. bAntum offers designer and uniquely printed and styled clothes that fit the smaller perfectly formed streetwise gent.

"If the devil is in the detail then bAntum is one horny little devil" said Zeitgeist magazine WAD magazine winter 07/08 of this new clothing label.

bAntum clothing is synonymous with prints in unusual and unique places, well hidden pockets in the sweats for your secret treats; fun stuff in out of the way places, great design right down to the wash labels...

Creator Simeon Hartwig and The bAntum label were recently nominated for the prestigious Sir Paul Smith Nottingham Business Venture Award, and after enjoying local success and acclaim the Label now has boutique stockists throughout the UK, with an additional retailer now located in Moscow, a hop and a peck in the right direction for world domination.

So what has helped bAntum on his way through the creative streets of Nottingham? Well the 3 month Business Start-up program at Nottingham Trent University's Hive propelled the label forward; Simeon's mentor kept pecking at his heel keeping Berny bAntum's creator focused and above all kept him in check with regards to essential none creative stuff like VAT and accounts.

The bAntum family was spawned over the last year to include notts finest hip hop producers the Elements and nottz beat boxer Lippicool... and just in case we get any bad payers we proudly added pro notts cage fighter Big Kay!

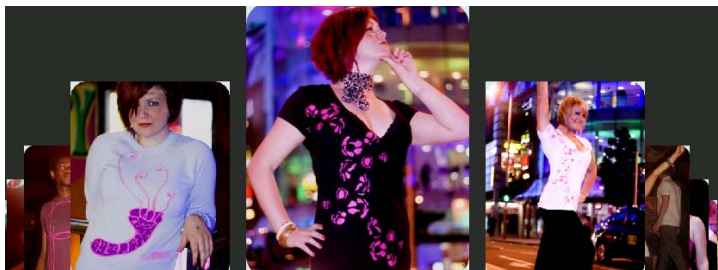


Fish and Flower Clothing

Fish and Flower is a night out wear brand that specialises in UV active clothing. The brand draws inspiration from the electro, house, techno and trance scene and creates an electric range of clothing that comes alive on the dance floor.

Fish and Flower was launched on 19th of June 2009 at Therapy, Nottingham's latest electro, Techno night at Market Bar, and show-cased its spring summer 09. The brands mission is to create a new niche in fashion and to provide the global clubbing audience with electric range of clothing that enhances their personal style and individuality.

Fish and Flower product range includes UV active T-shirts, hoodies and sweat shirts and will soon be venturing into larger product range. The brand also collaborates with nights and also conducts its own UV Parties. Attend the next Fish and Flower party to feel the power of UV..



Charlotte Thomson Art and Illustration

Charlotte Thomson is a Nottingham based artist & illustrator well known for creating retro and vintage inspired art and design. She specialises in creating fun and evocative images, especially portraiture and works heavily within the UK burlesque & entertainment scene. Charlotte's work is highly influenced by the fashions and imagery of eras such as the 1940s & 50s & the 'Belle Epoch'.



Ink Posters

The history is simple. We (founders Joff Casciani, Ollie Wood and Haydn Evans) couldn't find anything we really wanted to put on our walls. Everywhere we looked we saw reproduction artworks, painfully hip artworks for loony prices or prints that looked like they had been designed by a machine rather than a human.

We wanted to make prints that showed ideas. Prints that act as talking points with great colour. Tactile prints. Our ideas are the results of conversations and collaborations with different people. Some of our work is deep and meaningful and some of it—well—isn't.

We take inspiration from everywhere, the designed world around us, things that we love that we think other people will like.

The posters are designed by Joff, Ollie, Haydn and Graham and sometimes in collaboration with other designers.



Bags2Riches

I have always been interested in environmental issues, including the concepts of recycling, waste reduction and sustainability. Primarily my work uses as much recycled material as is possible, I encourage the local community to collect bags for me, so promoting the concept of recycling.

The design of my product is imperative, thus, they must be striking, interesting and functional objects, that they are made from recycled materials is a bonus! My work is created to last, so I hope that people will buy it to keep and treasure, so not feeding the mass consumerist

market, however, if you do wish to get rid of it, it is completely recyclable itself and can be reformed in to a new product. (There are websites such as www.freecycle.com where you can simply recycle your unwanted goods)

Unfortunately few recycling points have bag recycling, however most Tesco's seem to have bins inside their supermarkets. You can always send them to me, bright interesting colours are always gratefully received.



Debbie Bryan

Debbie Bryan's childhood was spent in the seaside town of Morecambe Bay, growing up with a magnificent backdrop of the Lake District and Bowland Fells on her doorstep in the northwest coast of England.

At an early age Debbie realised her passion for collecting textile treasures and nostalgic keepsakes of bygone eras.

Special favorites were delicately made hand knits and beautifully elaborate pieces of woven or printed fabric. These early collectables are added to regularly and have proved to be an endless source of inspiration.

Debbie specialises in creating design led craft based pieces making collections that are fresh, new and original. She is committed to a handmade ethos that ensures quality and unique character in each scarf, brooch and pair of cuff links.

In addition to the established collections Debbie works closely with retailers and galleries to produce special limited edition collections, leading to wonderful and unique creative pieces.



Spokesman Books

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Noam Chomsky says "... *it's really first rate.*"

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Callecia Brown

Callecia J Brown has a background in fine art but studied fashion at the Nottingham Trent University specialising in womens wear. After her degree, Callecia worked with Roy Smith where she learned traditional bespoke mens tailoring. Callecias work Embody the sprite of the 1940s and Hollywood glamour, with an emphasis on tailoring. Pattern cutting is also an important part of the label focusing on innovative ways of creating a garment while adhering to the bodys natural form. Fabric chose is very important and is always reflective of the design but is not dictated by the structure of the garment. Sourcing fabric takes into account several elements including selecting a fabric based on its tradition also looking at its value and quality, how long it will last. Alongside supplying to independent shops, Callecia has undertaken various commissions producing specific designs for specific people including business bands and individuals.



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Regenerate specializes in hand printed, designer, ethically made organic clothing and already become a closely followed brand, with a large online fan base, our clothing being stocked across Europe, online and with a large celebrity fan base with the likes of 'The Teenagers', 'African boy', 'Shychild'(Klaxons DJ), 'Light Speed Champion', 'Ighlu and Hartley', 'Kap Bambino' and 'The Holloways' all wearing our products.

Regenerate clothing was founded and launched in Feb 2008 by May Cortazzi, who had previously worked for Marharishi, Boxfresh and Maria Chen before deciding on stepping out on her own and creating her own unique label.

Regenerate always remains unique from the mainstream by taking inspirations from: the music industry, historical archives and through travelling the world and undressing it!.



Amanda Smith

As a Nottingham-based multi-disciplinary artist currently specialising in bespoke hand-made jewellery, I would welcome the opportunity to speak to you about the possibility of promoting my pieces on the Kiosk. It would be an absolutely ideal outlet for me, as I was inspired by Wayne Hemmingway's beginnings at Kensington Market. My other work includes photographic and moving image work, which also feeds into my approach toward jewellery - something that I believe makes my work unique.

Gillian Lee Smith

A lifetime fascination with storytelling, history, fairytales and folklore, has led me to create imagery based on the everyday whirling mind of a person who does not always wish to be rooted in the realistic present. Glimpses of characters tell stories that resonate with melancholic sentiment. Puppets and dolls with heart and emotion, long lost souls, decadence and decay and the contrasts and complexities of life. All are endlessly captivating and thought provoking.

Baroque and Victorian periods are especially evident in my designs and my work often delves into the expression and characterisation of our human nature, which we may hide away and only ever glimpse at when prompted by a reflection of our inner selves.

My character sculptures in particular are a nod towards my own imaginations, avid reading and childhood dreams. They are a way of seeking the perfect representation of our character. Each tells an original tale, with a single image that endeavours to embody a whole life story in an uncomplicated way.

Graduating from Edinburgh College of Art in Performance Costume in 2005, I have since been working on my own creations as well as teaching workshops with community groups. More recently, I have been coordinating a project involving reminiscence work with older people. This has been a huge source of inspiration to my latest artwork and themes of memories, dreams and childhood.



Phillip Watts Interiors

Phillip Watts Design is a creative design and build company. Over the years we have established a range of products, manufactured on the same site as the design studio. The design team has been constantly working to commission on various size projects since 1993.



Bookcase Editions

The Bookcase is a friendly independent book shop situated in the village of Lowdham near Nottingham. As well as offering a valuable service to the local community, The Bookcase also offers a professional school book supply service, offering discounted books to over 50 schools, both primary and secondary. We also run annual book and film festivals and stage author events throughout the year.



Elastic Canvas

We are a creative design company that specialise in devising innovative, cost effective solutions to make you stand out in a busy marketplace.

We try not to limit ourselves by convention, instead we concentrate on coming up with great ideas then explore every avenue to make these ideas possible.

Eireann

No information at present

Kushdi Clothing

KUSHDI for KIDS is a design led ethically produced children's range.

KUSHDI for KIDS garments are:

- 100% certified organic cotton
- Made in the UK
- Bleach free
- Images are free hand appliqué, and use recycled fabrics where possible

Weathervanepress

No information at present

Sarah Turner

Sarah Turner graduated from Nottingham Trent University with a BA Hons Furniture and Product Design degree. She is interested in many different areas of design and is currently concentrating her efforts on creative recycling. Her ReDesign range includes table, floor and ceiling lampshades made from waste plastic drinks bottles. She has also done some bespoke work and commissions.

Since graduating her products have been shown in many exhibitions in London and Nottingham. Her designs have received awards and have been shortlisted in several competitions including second place in the Innovation Nation Competition at The Ideal Home Show, runner up in the Make Some Green International Competition and shortlisted finalist in the Nottingham Creative Business Awards.

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