

ARTS AT BRASENOSE

... and all things arty!

Hi! My name is Iona, and I'm your Arts Rep! I'm in charge of all things Arts in college, including music, drama, visual arts, and more (and I organised last year's Arts Week). I'm a 3rd year Psychology and Linguistics student from Derbyshire!



Brasenose is (in my humble and entirely objective opinion) one of the best colleges for artsy types. We have lots of really fun and inclusive traditions each term for anyone to get stuck into, as well as our Arts Week every Trinity which is absolutely jam packed with events. Not only that, but Oxford in general is a haven for anyone who wants to get involved, whether you're a complete beginner or an expert. That's true for everything from writing to acting to music to stage tech to painting. In Brasenose, we focus on events that are, more than anything, about getting stuck in and having fun. I hope to see you there!

Drunk Shakespeare

Each term, the Drama rep hosts Drunk Shakespeare (my personal favourite night of term), where students perform a Shakespeare that they've had a few hours to put together while (usually) getting drunk. There's usually a big crowd watching their friends stumble about dramatically declaring 'ye' and 'thou' and other such Shakespearian words. Anyone can get involved!



Open-Mic Nights

Another classic! The open mic night isn't just for singing - we've had instrumentalists and even a musical calculator in the past. By the end of the night, we've usually got stuck into some karaoke, too.



Arts Dinner

The Arts and Societies Dinner is organised and chaired by the (new!) Arts Rep. It's a three-course meal subsidised by College for anyone who's involved with Arts, with a guest of honour who's often an alumni or Oxford resident. They'll give a speech about their career in an area of the arts (previous guests include Mark Williams, an actor known for roles including Arthur Weasley in Harry Potter, and JC Niala, an Oxford-based writer, historian, and artist). It's always a lovely night!

Choir and Music

We have a chapel choir, run by the Director of Music Polina Sosnina. Anyone can get involved with this by getting in touch with her (polina.sosnina@bnc.ox.ac.uk) - there's one evensong a week on Sundays, as well as rehearsals on Thursdays. We also have the Jazznostrils, Brasenose's very own student-run jazz band. The Brazen Arts Fund can provide support for arts activities in and out of college!

Arts Week

In Trinity Term, Brasenose hosts the biggest Arts festival across the collegiate university. Last term, people from Brasenose and beyond took part in over 20 activities in a marquee on New Quad. These included pottery painting, zine making, a comedy night, friendship bracelet making, and talks from tons of professional artists. Students directed and performed a play (Alan Ayckbourn's Round and Round the Garden); we hosted Tuesgays (the LGBT+ Society's weekly drinks); there was even a launch party (in a pitch-black marquee. I think it was very chic. Some would claim it was 'impossible to see anything'). This is a long-running tradition - 30 years! - and one I'm excited to see again this year!

See you soon!

- Iona