

# artrepublic bring Sir Peter Blake to the 2009 Brighton Festival Fringe

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To coincide with the launch of The Fringe, artrepublic (<http://www.artrepublic.com>) are bringing the legendary British Pop Art pioneer, Sir Peter Blake to Brighton, together with his breathtaking 'Art Bus'. On Saturday 2nd May and the following Saturday 9th a unique double decker bus emblazoned with original work by Sir Peter Blake (<http://www.artrepublic.com/artists/33-peter-blake.html>) will be driven in to Brighton. Sir Peter Blake will also be with the bus on the 9th May for an exclusive preview of his new book entitled 'One Man Show'.

The 'Art Bus' will be parked at New Road, opposite the Theatre Royal in the heart of the city. The bus has been completely re-fitted inside to include a bar, luxurious seating, plasma screens and state of the art technology. Upstairs is equally decadent with a balcony and fully working gallery which will include many of Sir Peter Blake's printed works. Sir Peter designed the exterior of the bus in a rock n' roll pop art style, ensuring that its appearance is colourful, eye-catching and of course groovy.

artrepublic have worked closely with Brighton Festival Fringe for many years to help promote and support artistic talent, and this year is no exception. The gallery is proudly sponsoring the Visual Arts section and arranging for Sir Peter Blake to attend the Festival.

The idea of the 'Art Bus' came about over dinner one night in Brighton between Sir Peter Blake, Lawrence Alkin CEO, artrepublic and Lance Trevalyan, Managing Director of CCA Galleries. It was Lance who took the project onboard and sponsored the creation of the bus turning it in to the spectacular, mobile educational facility it is today.

When the bus tours the UK, children from around the country will be given the opportunity to attend free workshops where they can ask questions and learn about printmaking, plus have a chance to have a go themselves. Because the Art Bus was recycled, it will be used to promote environmental issues, which will be a central theme of the workshops.

On Saturday 9th May artrepublic has arranged for Sir Peter Blake to be onboard the 'Art Bus' for an exclusive preview of his new 'One Man Show' book, prior to the official London launch on 27th May. There will be a number of pre-release hardback editions to purchase and the opportunity to preview and order a limited edition at the artrepublic gallery in Bond Street, Brighton. The new book reflects the diverse and imaginative career of the extraordinary and prolific Peter Blake.

To view the stunning interior of the 'Art Bus' you'll need an artrepublic 'Bus Pass' which will be valid for a specific time on either 2nd or 9th May. Passes will be collected and times allocated on the day at the artrepublic gallery in Bond Street, Brighton. To register for your pass please email [brighton@artrepublic.com](mailto:brighton@artrepublic.com) with your preferred date.

The artzine section of the artrepublic website [www.artrepublic.com](http://www.artrepublic.com) has more details of Sir Peter Blake's 'Art Bus' and visual arts at the Brighton Festival Fringe.

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Notes for editors:

Peter Blake: One man show is the first comprehensive publication on the works of Sir Peter Blake, one of the leading British artists of the past half-century. The book examines the artist's remarkable diversity, covering every aspect of his work including his paintings, drawings, watercolours, prints, sculptures and commercial art from the late 1940s to the present.

There will be a limited Edition hardback, edition of 100 only, incorporating the new screenprint Roxy 2 in a slipcase with the book priced at £500.00. They will be available at artrepublic, Brighton and Soho following the official release on 27th May

Sir Peter Blake is the UK's Pop Art pioneer with over 40 years at the forefront of the genre. Amongst his many achievements he created the legendary 'Sergeant Pepper...' album cover for The Beatles.

About artrepublic

artrepublic established its first gallery in 1992 in the heart of Brighton's North Laine selling prints, limited editions, silkscreens and giclees from contemporary artists such as Missbugs, Mr Brainwash, Pure Evil and Sir Peter Blake, plus highly collectable prints and T-Shirts by Obey. The Brighton gallery also offers a bespoke framing service with a huge choice of mouldings and expert advice on hand, and [artrepublic.com](http://artrepublic.com) offers a large selection of quality frames delivered free throughout the UK.

About the 'Art Bus'

If you would like further information about the 'Art Bus' and other educational programmes and/or to organise a visit to your school please contact:

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