

# Moira Macgregor : A Life in Style

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An exhibition of art,  
illustration and design

**Tower Foyer Gallery  
University of Dundee**

**16 June - 22 September 2018**  
Mon-Fri 09.30-19.00 Sat 13.00-17.00

[www.dundee.ac.uk/museum](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/museum)



Moira Macgregor (1931-2016) was a graduate from Dundee College of Art (now Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design) and built an international career as a fashion illustrator, editor and painter. Her work is characterised by her skilful draughtsmanship and a close attention to detail.

In 2017, Macgregor's family donated a significant collection of her work to the University of Dundee, in accordance with her wishes. This exhibition presents a selection of this generous gift spanning her entire career and provides an insight into the development of her artistic practice. Her

stylish fashion illustrations reflect the spirit of the 1960s and 1970s, while minutely detailed representations of food evolve into pared-down abstractions as Macgregor developed her view of the world. The collection shows the full breadth of her skill as a designer, illustrator, painter and printmaker.

Moira Macgregor was born in Dundee. After leaving Harris Academy she studied Drawing & Painting at Dundee College of Art, where she was awarded a travelling scholarship to Rome in 1954.

After working in the Netherlands in 1958-9, Macgregor moved to London to work as fashion illustrator with Helen Jardine Artists agency. She made friends with her colleague Barbara Hulanicki who would go on to found Biba in 1963. That year she married fellow designer John McConnell, and both worked for Biba. Macgregor also created the popular 'Capable Kate' for Honey magazine. During this time, she worked as illustrator and editor for lifestyle columns in The Observer, Woman's Own, Nova and Glamour magazines among others.

In the 1980s and '90s, Macgregor's focus shifted to highly realistic illustrations for advertising, book publishing and packaging. However, art was not just a job for her – she constantly observed the world around her and experimented with different techniques. From 1983 she exhibited regularly at the Royal Academy summer exhibitions and never stopped creating throughout her life.

As well as presenting Moira's collection to the University, her family have endowed an annual bursary at DJCAD to support a student in undertaking a cultural study visit to another country, reflecting Moira's own life-enhancing scholarship awarded by the College.

The exhibition will run until 22nd September and is open Monday to Fri 9.30am-7pm, Saturday 1pm-5pm.

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## [Friends of Wighton lunchtime concert](#)

From Sheena Wellington :

St Paul's Cathedral, 1 High Street – Saturday 23rd June, Lunchtime Concert,  
1pm

**Fliskmahoy!**



Frances Cooper (Soprano), Emma Versteeg (Soprano), Carole Clark (Alto), Rebecca Clarke (Violin) – Fliskmahoy! is an all-women group, three singers, and a violinist. Various musicians have been keen to arrange or write new pieces for them.

One composer friend, Stuart Murray Mitchell, wrote one of the suites that Joanna Nicholson and Frances Cooper performed in concert at the Wighton last year. He has also made a brilliant job of arranging some of the pieces found in the Wighton Collection. He has called it Scotch Miscellany and this special piece will be performed at Fliskmahoy's concert in St Paul's.

Tickets £5, students £3, accompanied children free. Coffee/tea available after concert.

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## [Getting things done – Lochee Road](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



Residents have drawn to my attention the poor condition of the pavement on Lochee Road from Mitchell Street to Black Street.

I highlighted this with the council's Roads Maintenance Partnership and have received the following helpful response :

**“This section of Lochee Road footway between Mitchell Street to Black Street has been identified for including in the 2018/2019 footway slurry seal programme subject to budget availability. The works have yet to be programmed.”**

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## Weekly Road Report – West End Ward #dundeewestend



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

### REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018

South Union Street/South Marketgait at Dundee Railway Station – northbound nearside lane closure from 9.30am for 2 weeks for footway works.

Riverside Avenue (at Perth Road) – temporary traffic lights from Monday 18 to Thursday 21 June for Scottish Water mains conditioning.

Perth Road (at Mid Wynd) – off-peak temporary traffic lights on Thursday 21 June for BT cabling work.

### Forthcoming Roadworks

Logie Street – closed from Monday 2 July for 3 weeks for carriageway resurfacing.

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## Blether Tay-Gither – Storytelling in Dundee



From [Blether Tay-Gither](#) :

Our June Blether will be on Tuesday 26th June at 7.30pm at The Butterfly Café, 28 Commercial Street.

The theme this month is "SAND."

Join us for a relaxed evening of stories and tales. Bring a story or just come to listen.

Hope to see some of you there – all welcome!