# Brighton mural breathes new life into closed Clarkes of Sussex arts shop



In a vibrant celebration of local artistry, the mural by Tiffany Lynch and Martin Middleton, known as Cassettelord, has transformed the boarded-up Clarkes of Sussex in Bond Street into a colourful beacon for Brighton's creative community. This collaboration, orchestrated with Evolution Arts, a not-for-profit organisation focused on arts education and community engagement, aims to not only beautify the space but to reinforce a sense of artistic camaraderie in an area rich in cultural history.

The closure of Clarkes, an established art shop that served the community for 25 years, is indeed a poignant moment. While it still operates a store in Lewes, the loss of its Brighton location has left a notable gap. Lynch expressed her mixed feelings about the store’s closure, stating, “It is a great shame that Clarkes has closed its doors as an art shop, but it continues to be a hub for artists as there are studios now inside the shop floor.” This sentiment underscores a broader concern among creatives about the vitality of local art spaces in urban settings, where rental pressures often threaten to displace longstanding establishments.

The mural itself showcases Lynch's signature style, characterised by vibrant hues cascading across the wall, illustrating her deep-rooted connection to the natural and urban landscapes of Sussex. Describing her work, Lynch noted, “I am very grateful that I'm able to bring a splash of colour to such a creative and vibrant part of the city.” This artistic flair is complemented by Cassettelord's whimsical additions of stylised cats and bunnies, intertwining their unique aesthetics and illustrating a collaborative spirit that characterises the local art scene.

Brighton’s street art culture is flourishing, bolstered by the contributions of various artists, including Lynch and Cassettelord. The city is known for its dynamic visual landscape, which reflects both its historical narrative and contemporary vibrancy. A comprehensive guide to Brighton’s street art scene highlights such artists' roles in shaping this urban aesthetic, showing how their work responds to the city's distinctive character and community ethos.

Moreover, the recent unveiling of a new mural titled "BRIGHTON AND HOVE IS…" at the Brighton Museum & Art Gallery further exemplifies this artistic momentum. Designed by local illustrator Soofiya, it embodies the essence of diversity in the city, showcasing multigenerational characters alongside iconic landmarks. This development, along with Lynch and Cassettelord’s mural, signals a commitment to enriching the visual culture that defines Brighton.

As these artists continue to find innovative ways to engage with their environment, their works not only serve as expressions of personal creativity but also as communal touchpoints that invite interaction and reflection. The positive responses from passers-by affirm the mural's role in reconnecting locals with the vibrant arts community, inviting curiosity and appreciation for the talents that brighten up urban life.

In a city where art and culture thrive, Lynch and Cassettelord's mural stands as a testament to the resilience and creativity of local artists, encouraging us all to embrace the colour and vibrance that define Brighton.

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