

November 2016

Funny Shaped Jugs – An Exhibition and Fundraiser for Cancer Care by Vicky Thornton at Coexistence (2 – 3 December 2016)



Vicky Thornton is to hold a seasonal fundraiser for Maggie's Centres entitled 'Funny Shaped Jugs' at Coexistence in Islington this December (2 – 3 December 2016).

In 2012, in the aftermath of chemotherapy for breast cancer Vicky Thornton, practising architect, potter and collector, embarked on the C-cup project, (big) C for cancer and the obvious bra size reference.

Thornton hand threw 36 C-cups in stoneware in three different shapes and colours, then paired each handmade piece in specially designed packaging. The different designs reflected the varying size and shape of breasts and the 36C cups made reference to the most common bra size. The cups were then donated to the Maggie Centre in Aberdeen for use by visitors and staff.

As a continuation of this, Thornton has now collected 36 pairs of 'funny shaped jugs' with the idea being it's what you're left with after breast cancer recovery.

Thornton comments, "Having paired the jugs to complement each other in terms of shape, colour or design – the similarity yet difference reflects the inevitable but often unappreciated a-symmetry of the post-operative world of breast cancer recovery. They have been collected over time, from local to far-flung places, French flea markets to antique warehouses in

Brooklyn, most of them being vintage finds. Some are quirky, some almost biological, but all are carefully curated to sit as a subtle reminder of the legacy of breast cancer.”



The jugs will be on sale at Coexistence between 2 – 3 December 2016, and all proceeds from this enterprise will be donated to Maggie’s Centres, a haven for all in the cancer community. The ultimate concept is ‘Collection and Curation for cancer care’ – so a lot of big C’s!

About Maggie’s

Maggie’s provides free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends, following the ideas about cancer care originally laid out by Maggie Keswick Jencks.

Built in the grounds of NHS cancer hospitals, Maggie’s Centres are places with professional staff on hand to offer the support people need.

The Centres are places to find practical advice about benefits and eating well; places where qualified experts provide emotional support; places to meet other people; places where you can simply sit quietly with a cup of tea.

The first Maggie's Centre opened in Edinburgh in 1996 and since then Maggie's has continued to grow, with 19 Centres in the UK and abroad, and an additional online Centre. There are also plans for further Centres opening throughout 2017.

www.maggiescentres.org

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Funny Shaped Jugs will be displayed and available to purchase at Coexistence, 288 Upper Street, London N1 2TZ from 2 – 3 December 2016. Donations can also be made at the door.

Private View (by invitation only), Thursday 1 December, 6.30pm – 9.00pm.

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