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Hello and welcome to your weekly Westside World news digest. Each week, Westside BID brings you the top stories from in and around Broad Street, Brindleyplace, Five Ways, Centenary Square, Broadway Plaza and surrounding areas...



Black Sabbath Bench returns after refurbishment – with new heads!

The world-famous Black Sabbath Bench is back in place following a major refurbishment that includes brand new heads for all band members.

The heavy metal bench was first installed by Westside BID on the renamed Black Sabbath Bridge across the canal on Broad Street back in June 2019. Since then, the bench has arguably become Birmingham and the West Midlands' biggest-used piece of 'engagement public art'.

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New Ikon leadership team named

The Ikon has announced the permanent appointment of a new leadership team to take the art gallery into its 60th year.

Ian Hyde has been appointed as chief executive officer, with Melanie Pocock taking up the position as artistic director (exhibitions) and Linzi Stauvers becoming artistic director (education). The trio had been in acting positions for these roles since last year.

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Stellar cast for Withnail & I premiere

A stellar cast list has been announced for the world premiere of British cult film classic Withnail & I at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre in May.

The Rep's double Olivier Award-winning artistic director Sean Foley is directing the much-anticipated dark comedy about two unemployed actors who go on holiday, which takes place at the Rep from 3 to 25 May.

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Join a Charlotte Tilbury Masterclass

A Westside bar is to host a special cocktails, canapes and makeup event at the beginning of May.

The Charlotte Tilbury Masterclass is taking place at The Alchemist on Brindleyplace from 5.30 to 7.30pm on Thursday 2 May. Tickets cost £35 per person and include a colour-changing cocktail on arrival and delicious canapes before the makeup masterclass starts.

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Westside's wardens mount two-day blitz on graffiti

VIDEO: Wardens mount graffiti blitz

Unightly 'graffiti' on Broad Street has been removed during an intensive two-day blitz by Westside street wardens.

The daubings were nothing like as invasive as in other parts of central Birmingham – and Westside BID is determined to keep it that way, as our video showing our wardens busily cleaning up the doors of 100 Broad Street shows.

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