

# Unknown Artist

## *Sandon Pool Party*



We do not know who created this painting, but the content is recognisable. The artists' group at the centre of Bluecoat's cultural life, the Sandon Studios Society, loved to throw parties and dress up. This composition shows members of the Society having fun, perhaps at a party at the makeshift paddling pool which was created in the secret garden at Bluecoat. Alternatively, they could be swinging through the air, as if at a circus. The sculptor, Herbert Tyson Smith, is at the top of the picture, wearing his characteristic bow tie.

This work was shown in the *In the Peaceful Dome* exhibition at Bluecoat in 2017.