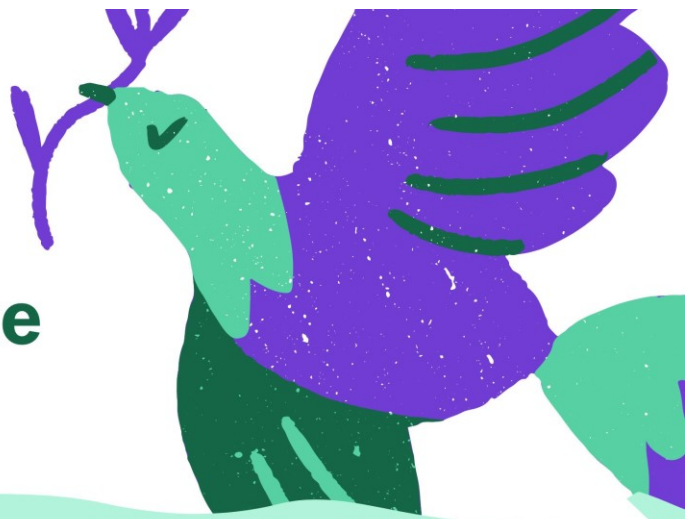




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## MAW Remembrance Lecture 2023:

# ***THE ROLE OF THE ARTS & CULTURE IN PROMOTING PEACE & OPPOSING WAR***

by actor, playwright & peace activist

***Michael Mears***

Saturday 11 November 2023 at 2PM

Oasis Hub, 1 Kennington Road, London SE1 7QP. Free of charge, all are welcome.

- *Can a stage play, film or painting have a real, lasting impact on the serious issues of our time?*
- *Do the arts have a vital role to play in engaging people with & teaching them about those issues?*
- *Is there a danger that artistic works tackling issues around war & peace only ever 'preach to the converted'?*

**Michael Mears** has had a rich and varied career in theatre, TV and film, and is known also for his socially impactful plays for theatre and radio:

- *This Evil Thing* (2016), a solo play about people who resisted conscription, and
- *The Mistake*, about Hiroshima and the first atomic bomb and which ran at the 2022 Edinburgh Fringe, played in London earlier this year and will tour UK-wide this autumn; see [michaelmears.org](http://michaelmears.org) for details.



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