

LOCATIONS DATES & CONTACT

FESTIVAL IN ROCHESTER

Friday 25th October - Sunday 3rd November

Rochester Cathedral Crypt

Rochester, ME1 1SX 01634 843366

Guildhall Museum

17 High Street, Rochester, ME1 1PY 01634 789347

Sun Pier

Medway Street, Chatham, MF4 4HF

Restoration House

17-18 Crow Lane, Rochester, ME1 1RF 01634 848520

The Huguenot Museum

95 High Street, Rochester, ME1 1LX 01634 789347

FESTIVAL IN CANTERBURY

Friday 8th November - Sunday 17th November

Herbert Read Gallery and surrounding spaces

University for the Creative Arts, Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AN 01227 817302

ONLINE PROJECTS

www.51zero.org/online-exhibitions/

CONTACT

For the full programme visit www.51zero.org General enquiries & Bookings office@51zero.org Please send us your photos and videos of the festival Press enquiries press@51zero.org



51Zero/ FESTIVAL 2019

Artist-led biennial festival of international moving image and contemporary art launches its 4th edition at Rochester Cathedral's crypt on Friday the 25th October, and at the Herbert Read Gallery in Canterbury on the 8th November, with exhibitions, screenings and live music.

Named after the geographical coordinates of Medway, Kent, 51zero Festival 2019 takes over historical and cultural spaces in both Rochester and Canterbury, presenting a rich programme of exhibitions, performances, walks, talks and workshops over three weeks. Acting as a meeting point for artists, thinkers, musicians and filmmakers, local and international, 51zero Festival presents artistic production focusing on contemporary art and cinema.

Through placing artwork in public settings and outdoor spaces across the cities, the festival aims to take the art to where the people are, encouraging conversations and active involvement of local and visiting public as well as engaging audiences with the character and the heritage of the area.

Among the notions the festival programme questions is whether art today can actually be effective and reinvent thinking. Looking at the systems that shape the way art is shown, exhibited and talked about, the projects that the festival presents examine whether these systems maintain the status quo promoting the same ways of doing things, held back by conventional understandings of what is expected of artist by the political and economic context they work in, or whether a fundamental break and a new language of art is possible.

This year, the festival extends across Rochester Cathedral, Restoration House, the Guildhall and Huguenot museums and Rochester High Street. In Canterbury, it will populate the University for the Creative Arts campus including the Herbert Read Gallery and collaborate with a wide range of emerging and established artists, practitioners and musicians from the area and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Matthijs de Bruijne, No Work, No Pay! (2012), film still @ Matthijs de Bruijne.



EXHIBITIONS

25 & 29/10 14:00 - 17:00

Restoration House, Italian Garden

Free Open to all Visitors are invited to the unique surroundings of the Italian Garden at Restoration House, where artist Matthew Darbyshire's sculpture Deposition Model No.1: Farnese Hercules (2016) is showcased in dialogue with the newly constructed classical Temple to the Source, created by the owners Robert Tucker and Jonathan Wilmot.

26/10 - 3/11 10:00 - 16:00

Rochester Cathedral Crypt

Free

Rasheed Araeen, pioneer of minimalist sculpture in Britain, presents Chakras (1969-70), 16 painted wooden discs and Farunghi Mahal - Palace of the Foreigners (2016), together with Twinkle and Poppy/Stripey by Peter Fillingham. Araeen's Disco Sailing Performance (2019) film and photo montage documentation at Gorky Park will be exhibited, courtesy of Garage Museum of Contemporary Art Moscow and Peter Fillingham, alongside a text/photo collage by Garage Museum's curator Valentin Diaconov.

27/10 12:00 - 17:00

The Guildhall Museum

29/10 - 3/11 10:00 - 17:00

Dan Rees' installation *Chalk* (2018), souvenirs from the White Cliffs of Dover which opens up a conversation into symbols of Britishness, is presented in the Court Hall with work from Dutch artist **Matthijs de Bruijne**, whose video *No Work, No Pay* (2012) and photography *Migrant Domestic Workers* (2017) touch upon socio-political issues and critical collective consciousness.

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No Work, No Pay (2012) and photography Migrant Domestic Workers (2017) touch upon socio-political issues and critical collective consciousness. Films from the launch event are screened in the Members Room, as well as contributions from Open Call artists from the area and beyond, including Inclination (2019) an installation by young Italian duo Giacomo Segantin and Davide Arban.

27/10 – 2/11 12:00 - 16:30

The Guildhall Museum entrance - Participatory Project

subject line 'Granulation' or just come along in person.

3/11 12:00 - 14:00

Artist **David Goldenberg**'s installation and online project *Granulation* invites participation worldwide, to remap the art world or 'body of art' and to break it down into its 'molecular parts'. Bring along any image, object or idea that represents art to you, to contribute to the installation and use these as building

Free Open to all represents art to you, to contribute to the installation and use these as building blocks to create a new language of art with the artist. A process-based exhibition assembled in the space, changing each day, explores location, materials and audiences who are invited to take part. Online contributors include: Steven Wong, Lisa Autogena, Clunie Reid, Sally Kindberg, Bruce A. Barber, Mer Maggie Roberts/OD, MD Jafar Iqbal, Tuguldur Yondonjamts. Please see postautonomy.co.uk. To participate email office@51zero.org with

EVENTS

Friday 25th October

PRE-LAUNCH

14:00 - 17:00 Hercules ar

Hercules and Temple to the Source - Preview

Free Restoration House, Italian Garden

For full details please see previous event listing.

LAUNCH NIGHT | ROCHESTER

19:00 - 21:00

Film screening and live music

Free RSVP Rochester Cathedral Crypt

An evening of film screenings accompanied by live music, curated by Margherita Gramegna, presents UK leading musicians Gareth Lockrane on flute, Cecilia Bignall on cello and Jonathan Mansfield on vibraphone responding to a programme of artists' films featuring Joan Jonas's Song Delay (1973) and moving image from Open Call. Peter Fillingham's edible sculpture, The Rainbow Buns (2016-19), will complete the evening. To reserve your place please email office@51zero.org, with the subject line 'Rochester Launch Event' or call 07527023649. Watch it live-streamed on Facebook.



Joan Jonas, Song Delay, (1973), film still. © Jonas Jonas



EVENTS

Friday 25th October

Mapping Journeys At the Museum - Family Craft Workshop

10:00 - 13:00 Huguenot Museum

Free Artist Hannah Whittaker leads a shadow puppet workshop exploring tales of

journeys and migration. Basic craft and storytelling skills that can be continued at home. *Drop-in workshop for children 4-10 years old.*

Sunday 27th October

12:00 - 16:30 Analogue Animation - Family Workshop

Free Member's Room, The Guildhall Museum

Artist Hannah Whittaker explores Victorian animation techniques, which use the infinity of loops to create illusions. By going back to the origins of animation the workshop aims to make filmmaking accessible to all. *Drop-in workshop for children*.

Tuesday 29th October

2 - 3hrs Explore & Sketch Rochester - Workshop

Free Meet at Cathedral Crypt at 13:15

Join artist and illustrator **loana Pioaru** in an informal drawing tour of Rochester. The group will spend 20-30 minutes at each location. Basic materials provided. *To reserve your place email office@51zero.org, with the subject line 'Sketching*

Rochester'.

13:45 - 15:30 Walk and Talk - Guided tour

Free Meet at Guildhall Museum at 13:45

Informal guided tour of 51zero festival 2019's Rochester exhibition programme. People are invited to take photos which will feature on the 51zero website. Send your images to office@51zero.org, with the subject line 'Walk and Talk

photos'.

19:00 - 21:00 Evening with filmmaker Jill Daniels - Screening and In-Conversation

Ticketed Huguenot Museum

British filmmaker Jill Daniels presents her films My private Life II (2015) and Not Reconciled (2009), exploring memory and place through fictional enactment and documentary realism. This event is in collaboration with Rochester Film Society and the Huguenot Museum. Book via www.rochesterfilmsociety.

Saturday 2nd November

10:00 - 13:00 A Splice of Rochester - Workshop

Free Guildhall Museum, Member's Room

Open to all

Artist Deborah Humm provides participants with the templates of film and formulas to make words appear on screen. Anyone can join in and contribute

towards a continuous analogue 16mm film, which will be shown at the end of the workshop. To reserve your place email office@51zero.org, with the subject

line 'A splice of Rochester'.

12:00 - 16:00 **Open Projector** - Participatory Event

Free Guildhall Museum, Member's Room

Open Projector provides an important opportunity for artists, graduates and students to screen and discuss their work in a peer group environment. Bring along your short films to share in an informal setting. Videos should be no longer than 3 minutes; extracts of longer works can also be shown. Send your videos in advance to office@51zero.org with subject line 'Open Projector' or bring them along on the day.

Sunday 3rd November

15:00 - 16:00 Chakras - Performance

Free Sun Pier, River Medway, Chatham

Open to all

Rasheed Araeen presents a reconstruction of his performance Chakras at Sun Pier on The River Medway. Come and experience Araeen placing the disc in the river. Meet outside Rochester Cathedral's main entrance at 2.20pm to walk with the Chakra disks to Sun Pier. Alternatively please join us at the pier

for a 3pm start.



EXHIBITIONS

9/11 - 17/11 Herbert Read Gallery and surrounding spaces

Free Open to all University for the Creative Arts

10:00 - 18:00 / Monday to Friday

10:00 - 17:00 / Saturday

13:00 - 17:00 / Sunday

51zero Festival's exhibition at UCA and Herbert Read Gallery continues threads of ideas established in Rochester, and includes installations, videos and sculpture by both established and emerging artists.

Material proposed for the Herbert Read Gallery, such as Daren Bader's non linear website, Morag Keil and Georgie Nettell's *The Fascism of everyday life, (2016)*, Kojeve's *Art at the end of History* and Philippe Thomas's *Readymades belong to everyone, (1990)* reveal how the artist and artwork are, through exhibiting, transformed into brands, highlighting the formation of the artist, artwork and forms of display. The exhibiting artists use existing forms from Herbert Read archives as an archaeology of the exhibition, which David Goldenberg maps as a backdrop, to highlight the past history of the gallery's exhibitions, to destabilise and challenge these formations and open up other spaces for art.

In the spaces and corridors surrounding the gallery, John Peter Askew shows arrangements of his filmic photographs and Social Morphologies Research Unit have re-created their installation *Morphologies of Invisible Agents, (2019)*, making visible the forces behind political movements and social change. Bird Saunders, Tanja Jurican, Zuzanna Janin, Margherita Gramegna, Iranian-British artist Maria Kheirkhah and artists from the Wishful images and 51zero Open Calls, will also present their works for the duration of the exhibition.

ONLINE PROJECTS

Contribution by Dutch artist Lique Schoot examines time via self-portraits. Belarus artist/curator Alena Pratasevich presents a collage of images looking at the politics of the perfect body. www.51zero.org/online-exhibitions/

EVENTS

Friday 8th November

PRE-LAUNCH

51zero Open Call

13:00 - 20:00

Cragg Lecture Theatre, UCA

Free

A screening programme showing a broad mix of artists and filmmakers, both emerging and established, from the area and beyond, including University of Kent and University for the Creative Arts' students, graduates and lecturers, who have responded to the festival Open Call.

Wishful Images Open Call

13:00 - 20:00 Reception Area, UCA

Free

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Wishful images programme curated by Jill Daniels, Matthias Kispert and Inga Burrows presents films that envisage, address and document ways of being and acting together. The films propose collective ways out of the present moment that is marked by politics of hate, increasing precarity, social inequalities, and looming climate catastrophe.

LAUNCH NIGHT | CANTERBURY

Exhibition, screenings and live music

17:00 - 20:00 Herbert Read Gallery, UCA

51zero Festival exhibition at the Herbert Read and surrounding spaces opens with a reception, live music by **Tesh Karu Quartet** and **Peter Fillingham**'s edible sculptural artwork, *The Rainbow Buns* (2016). *To reserve your place email office@51zero.org, with the subject line 'Canterbury Launch Event'*.

Friday 15th November

Walk and Talk - Guided tour

16:45 - 18:00 Meet at Herbert Read Gallery at 16:45

Informal guided tour of the exhibitions with the curator, in the 51zero festival 2019 Canterbury programme. People are invited to bring a camera and take photos which will feature on the 51zero website. *Please send your images to office@51zero.org, with the subject line 'Walk and Talk photos'*.

Discussion & Screening - Closing Event

18:00 - 19:30 Herbert Read Gallery, UCA

Join Laying the foundation for a new language of art, round table and online live discussion with international artists and curators led by artist David Goldenberg. Artist Steven Wong shows a film and discuss his M.A.P.P. project. Speakers include Dr Orna Tsultem, curator; Dan Rees, artist; Dr Jill Daniels, filmmaker; Maria Kheirkhah, artist; Monica Van Asperen, artist; Azedin El Ouafi, curator; Peter Fillingham, artist, Hermione Sprigg, artist, Valentin diconov, curator. Watch it live-streamed on Facebook.

51Zero/ INFORMATION

51zero's programme focuses on exhibition of moving image and related contemporary art practice. Working from within the region of Kent as the project's base, 51zero partners with cultural organisations in the UK and overseas to present programmes that engage in international collaboration, delivering two core strands: **51zero Festival** and **Voyager**.

51zero/festival showcases biennially international artists and filmmakers whose practice sits between contemporary art and cinema. Established practitioners are exhibited alongside new talent, in alternative venues, public settings and gallery spaces, collaborating with the community to bridge the gap between the art and people, contributing to the cultural landscape of Kent.

51zero/voyager presents a programme of touring activities, events, and projects through partnership and co-production that support artists and engages audiences across Kent, the UK and beyond.

51zero have a successful track record of creating platforms for exposure and opportunities for emerging talent, engaging young people in activities meaningful for their professional development.



Matthew Darbyshire, *Deposition Model No. 12, Hercules* (2015), plaster and scrim. Installation view Manchester Art Gallery, © Conrad Bower

CONTRIBUTORS

Please see www.51zero.org/festival/programme for full list of artists, filmmakers and practitioners that have contributed to:

Launch night screening, Rochester Cathedral

Granulation Project, online contributors

Open Projector, Guildhall Museum

Wishful Images and **51zero Open Calls**, including students, graduates and lecturers from University of Kent and University for the Creative Arts at University for the Creative Arts

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Thank yous

Thank you to Peter Hatton, all our volunteers and all others who have made the festival possible.

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