

Stroud International Textiles

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Stroud International Textile Festival: 1 – 21 May 2009

Michael Brennand-Wood and **Matthew Harris** will be 'in conversation' together at this year's SIT Festival. Both of these articulate and cutting edge textile specialists have commissioned work appearing in Bristol's **New Colston Hall** extension, as well as work showing at **SIT 09**. They will be joined by the Hall's architect, linking the threads of music, textiles and architecture in what promises to be a thought provoking discussion.

This is just one of the exciting multi-disciplinary events during the UK's only annual international textile festival, SIT, (Stroud International Textiles Festival), hosted in the town of Stroud in the Cotswolds from 1-21 May 2009 will celebrate the contemporary field of textiles and related applied arts. Come and see emerging new talent alongside cutting edge thinkers and designers including textile heavyweights **Susan Cross** and **Nel Linssen**.

2009 will enjoy willow sculpture, leading jewellery design, live performance and a new installation from **Studio Seven**, who have rapidly gained fame for their ground breaking work. The Festival is a mix of exhibitions, workshops, talks, performance events and debates all taking place in these glorious Gloucestershire valleys. This unique programme has 21 days of textile and related arts events bursting at the seams.

Stroud Textiles like to tease and challenge conventional views and have built a reputation for innovation and new ideas. With this in mind the 2009 Festival is linking sound and musical scores and the influence this discipline has on the visual arts. Appearing will be jazz visionary, **Keith Tippett**, who will perform with **Julie Tippett**, connecting discordant sound to the visual mark.

There will be exhibitions by world renowned artists such as **Michael Brennand-Wood**, **Margo Selby**, **Hilary Bower** and **Matthew Harris** whilst willow artists **Tim Bridgeman** and **Mary Butcher** will challenge our concept of willow weaving and basket making. **Jerwood Prize** acclaimed artists **Susan Cross** and **Nora Fok** will be part of the new **Jewellery Showcase**. SIT will also promote and profile the work of emerging artists such as **Rachel Gornall** and **Ruth Waller** working in collaboration with **Lee Hewett**.

Workshops include the latest printing techniques run by **Dawn Dupree**, celebrated for her funky, cutting edge Urban Landscapes designs.

Scheduled talks by inspiring leading artists and scholars will stimulate debate and inform on contemporary textile innovations covering environmental issues, architecture and the crafts, historical perspectives, ethnic world textiles and much, much more!

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