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The historic market town of Wirksworth throws open its doors and fills its streets with activity for another 3 weeks celebrating art in all its forms.

The whole town becomes a gallery with artworks in over 100 venues from private homes, historic buildings, gardens, shop windows and churches. Surrounded by beautiful countryside, Wirksworth is a great place to visit, with good pubs and cafes and many fine old buildings hidden amongst a maze of alleyways.

Modernism and illumination will be highlighted in the visual arts with Wirksworth Windows, festival commissions and work from an array of invited artists in Key Venues open throughout the festival, including: Michael Branthwaite, Raphael Daden, Kate Genever, Maxine Hall, Matthew Houlding, Peter Hoon, Ghislaine Howard, Charles Monkhouse, Ben Cove and Martyn Blundell.

How to Find Us

Wirksworth is in Derbyshire on the edge of the Peak District National Park, with easy access from Derby, Nottingham, Stoke, Sheffield, Buxton, and Matlock by bus, car or train (nearest train station is Cromford).

How to Book

Trail Guides and entry tickets will be available for purchase on the day. Tickets for performances and workshops will be available from the beginning of August.



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Programme and booking on Festival web site. Sign up for news, brochure and special offers. Info Line: 01629 824003



Arts & Architecture Trail

12 - 13 Sept 10am - 5pm

Over 100 artists with invited artists in key venues, Wirksworth Shop Windows, street music, theatre and performances, and craft stalls.

Makers' Market 12 - 13 Sept

New: Curated metalwork show featuring members of the British Artist Blacksmiths Association. The very best designer makers in everything from jewellery to ceramics, glass to textiles, furniture, sculpture and woodwork. A sumptuous and inspiring display to tempt the eye and wallet!

Contemporary Art Focus 19 - 20 Sept

Walks and artist talks including the launch of 'White Peak', a new work by Alec Finlay, artist panel discussion, meals and evening performances. Saturday: Wirksworth Art Exploration, meals and artist panel discussion; Sunday: Wirksworth Art Exploration and lunch. Supported by **re:place**: site-specific contemporary art in Derbyshire.

Performance

A programme of fabulous performance kicks off with international concert pianist 'Beate Tokya' and the ever-popular 'Comedy Night' with award-winning comedy king Jason John Whitehead. Fresh from the 2008 Edinburgh Festival we see Basil, Sybil and Manuel host 'Faulty Towers - A Dining Experience', and a stunning music performance by Barbican headliners 'La Xula', local dance company INdependDance, Radio 2 Folk Band of the Year nominee Mawkin: Causely, the fantastic Usuthu dance theatre company and a last night party with live music from Dr Meaker - catch them in Wirksworth to save the trip to Glastonbury!

Orchestral and Choral Workshops and Performances. Play Gershwin's Porgy & Bess Medley on 19 Sept and sing Rossini's Messe Solennelle on 26 Sept. Book early.

