

firstsite Artists' Support Programme

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Tuesday 7th June

2pm - 5pm

Venue: Jaywick Martello Tower, The Promenade, Belsize Avenue, Jaywick, Essex CO15 2LF

Price: Free, drinks and snacks included

East Artists Professional Development Afternoon at Jaywick Martello Tower, part of Fleet: Art in the Haven Ports

With talks by photographer Dan Dubowitz and choreographer Feargus O'Conchuir, firstsite, in partnership with Commissions East, is offering an opportunity for artists based in the East of England to visit Jaywick Martello Tower for an afternoon of talks and networking, viewing of 'Tattered Outlaws of History', and a preview of 'If the Invader Comes', the final commission in the Fleet programme. This opportunity is open to practitioners working in dance or in the visual arts. Attendees will also be invited to submit a proposal for making a new work as a direct response to the site. The successful applicant will receive a budget of £500 towards the creation of the new piece and the work will be exhibited in the tower during August 2011. This artist will be selected by Dan Dubowitz and Feargus O'Conchuir with a representative from firstsite, who are providing the materials budget.

'Tattered Outlaws of History' is an installation of films that imaginatively reconnects the Martello Towers of North County Dublin. Photographer Dan Dubowitz and choreographer Feargus O'Conchuir draw on a shared interest in architecture and the body to explore the place these iconic military towers occupy in the landscape and in the psyche of their coastline communities. From April 1st, 'Tattered Outlaws of History' will be installed in Jaywick Martello Tower as the first of a two-part exhibition by Dubowitz and O'Conchuir. The exhibition was originally commissioned by Fingal County Council. The second part of the exhibition, 'If the Invader Comes' is the final commission from the 'Fleet: Art in the Haven Ports' programme.

The Martello Towers are part of an international family of defence forts built in the 19th Century throughout the then British Empire and include a number built on the Essex and Suffolk coast. Connecting the towers on the coast of Ireland and East England, the new work 'If the Invader Comes' focuses on the traces of human intervention in the towers. Dan and Feargus have been working with the 'custodians' of the towers up and down the Essex and Suffolk coast to talk about the project and to give them an opportunity to get to know each other, creating an identity for the East Coast Towers as a whole.

Fleet: Art in the Haven Ports is developed and presented by Commissions East and is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund and Interreg IVA 2 Seas Programme, with additional support from Arts Council England, East and Essex County Council.

For more information visit: www.fleet-art.org

How to apply:

Attendance is funded by firstsite, is free and is based on selection by application. If you are interested in attending please email a copy of your CV and a short statement (max 120 words) outlining your interest.

Send to: laurae@firstsite.uk.net by 9am, Monday 23rd May 2011.

Programme for the afternoon

- * Introduction to the afternoon and tower by Tower Manager Kerith Ririe
- * Viewing the work and the tower followed by coffee, tea & biscuits
- * Talk from Commissions East explaining the project aims and how artists are selected and approached
- * Presentation and Q&A session led by Dan Dubowitz and Fearghus O'Conchuir
- * Artists / practitioners opportunity, details of and submission information

The afternoon closes at 5pm and will be followed by the private view of the new work 'If the Invader Comes' at 6pm. We would be delighted if you would like to join the evening guests and stay for a drink.

firstsite's Artist Support Programme

This opportunity is part of firstsite's Artist Support programme which supports artists' creative and professional development, with a particular emphasis on artists working in the East of England. Recent events include a research and development day with Heather & Ivan Morrison.

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