



# Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival

03 October - 01 November 2014

## Press Release

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### **Line up at Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival Confirmed**

**The programme for Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival 2014 includes visual arts, photography, installation, contemporary dance and with a selection of regional, national and international artists showcasing their work across Warrington from 3 October until 1 November.**

The festival spans four weeks populating the town with cross art form events. Work will take place across three venues: Pyramid, Warrington Museum & Art Gallery, and The Gallery At Bank Quay House as well as some unexpected town centre locations.

Now in its fourth year, the festival takes its theme this year as 'about time' so whether work is concerned with sequence, memory, notions of heritage, the past, the present or the future, it's all connected back to time. Launching with a free cultural crawl on Friday 3 October from 6pm calling in at the three key venues, the festival's packed programme includes these highlights:

-An interactive table tennis game with artist Will Nash, Noisy Table is programmed with a library of digital instruments and samples to make "an alter-table-tennis experience" (Friday 3 October – Saturday 1 November, Pyramid Atrium)

-Artist Georgina Tee illustrating how we spend our time on town centre shop windows, Georgina wants people to tell her how they're spending their time through Twitter with the hashtag #ABOUTTIME (until Saturday 1 November)

-Manchester Salon, a group of artists: Lindsey Bull, Maurice Carlin, Daniel Fogarty, Laura Mansfield, Jen Wu, exploring critical discourse and contemporary arts practice in the North West with IN A FLUX, a series of events and an exhibition (Warrington Museum & Art Gallery - Friday 3 October with the exhibition continuing to Saturday 10 January 2015)

-Critically acclaimed performance company, Quarantine present Between Us, We Know Everything. Quarantine seeks to capture all of our knowledge via a mobile studio in a converted Volkswagen Voyager van. They put the talking heads on the website [www.betweenusweknoweverything.com](http://www.betweenusweknoweverything.com). They say: "it's about all the useful and useless information we've acquired over the course of our lives". Quarantine will be parked in Queen's Gardens on Friday 24 October and in Hilden Square on Saturday 25 October.

-A sound installation Warrington Listening from artist Esther Ainsworth using sampled field recordings to explore the spirit of 'place' and capturing the way the town moves and lives. (Friday 3 October – Saturday 1 November, Parr Hall, Queen's Gardens)

-WCAF14 Open, an exhibition featuring contemporary visual arts and photography from the region's artists through an open submission process will feature at Pyramid, Warrington Museum & Art Gallery and The Gallery At Bank Quay House until 1 November. The winner of the visual arts prize and the photography prize will be announced at the Museum on Friday 3 October at the end of the cultural crawl by guest judge Kwong Lee (Manchester's Castlefield Gallery director)

The festival also features a screening of Alexander Sokurov's one shot masterpiece Russian Ark (Saturday 11 October), Long Shot, a micro festival of short films (Saturday 11 October), contemporary dance from 12° North / Edge FWD (Thursday 23 October) plus chance encounters with art in unusual places, a non-conference, networking events, workshops to inspire creativity in the community. Full programme details at [www.warringtonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.warringtonartsfestival.co.uk)

Artist details here:

<http://www.estherainsworth.com/esther.html>

<http://www.willnash.co.uk/#>

[www.qtine.com](http://www.qtine.com)

<http://themanchestersalon.tumblr.com/about>

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**Notes to editor:**

- Culture Warrington is a charitable trust established in May 2012 comprising Pyramid & Parr Hall and Warrington Museum & Art Gallery.
- Situated in the heart of Warrington's Cultural Quarter, Pyramid & Parr Hall are two of the North West's leading arts & entertainment venues for music, comedy, dance, drama and much more.
- Regularly attracting huge names from a variety of genres, the venues have recently played host to The Stone Roses, Beady Eye, Billy Ocean, Vienna Festival Ballet, Jools Holland and Al Murray to name but a few.
- Pyramid also plays host to a variety of classes and workshops from ballet and belly dance to life drawing, so whatever your age or experience, there is something for you!
- Warrington Museum & Art Gallery showcases the work of local, national and internationally renowned artists, alongside its acclaimed world, local and natural history galleries.