



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Derby Cathedral commissions new installation with FORMAT 23

Derby Cathedral is proud to be a co-commissioning partner with FORMAT 23. From 17<sup>th</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Cathedral presents *Gathering Light*, a site-specific installation created by artist Louise Beer.

*Gathering Light* was created by taking photographs of the sky, over 40 consecutive days to reflect the 40 days of Lent. A transitional video installation of Louise's work can be seen in the intimate and peaceful surroundings of St Katharine's Chapel, a hidden treasure of Derby Cathedral.

Louise writes:

"*Gathering Light* is an installation that reflects my experience of grief. I created this work after losing my wonderful father in 2021. One thing that has helped me traverse the path of grief has been watching the ever changing skies from my home in Margate and the Moon above at night time.

Seeing the sky out of my window has helped me to connect my reality to that of Earth, and our cosmic history. It helped me to think of other days, other nights. Other skies we have all looked up at, other possibilities. Other moments and other shared memories."

Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby says:

"We are delighted to have Louise's work on display in St Katharine's Chapel. Commissioning an original artwork is a first for us, and is an exciting addition to our arts and culture agenda. We encourage everyone to spend some time with *Gathering Light* whilst it is with us."

FORMAT is the UK's leading international contemporary festival of photography and related media which incorporates over 30 of Derby's most beautiful buildings and key landmarks.

The exhibition is free to enter. Donations welcomed to support the care and work of Derby Cathedral.

**Further information can be found at [derbycathedral.org/gatheringlight/](https://derbycathedral.org/gatheringlight/)**

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