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See Derby in a new light

First, there was Derby Feste, an eye-ball popping monster of a weekend, with street theatre and carnival processions on an international scale.

And now, there is GLEAM – a light-and-music spectacular which will have visitors to Derby dancing the light fantastic between November 12th and 20th.

Gleam: Festival of Light has been designed to light-up the city centre with a spectacular series of performances and public art installations.

One of the world leaders in interactive arts and technology, Seeper - who have been involved in major projects and festivals – have been asked to use the latest technology to transform the city's main square into a platform for a unique light performance with some awe-inspiring visuals.

Away from the main 'performance', visitors to the city will also be able to follow a Light Trail around the Cathedral Quarter, mapped out by special Gleam lanterns, projections and installations.

The light trail will continue all week (apart from Remembrance Sunday) in preparation for Friday, November 19th when a lantern parade joined by hundreds of school children and members of community groups will wind its way into the city centre from Arboretum Park to the Market Place at 6.30pm - heralding the start of vibrant dance and music performances influenced by Indian, African and Far East Asian cultures.

This will be followed by "Rhythm of the World", a specially commissioned drumming performance, taking the audience on a musical journey around the world before the entertainment moves to Cathedral Green for an elaborate River Fire Display with fire fountains, fire crackers, lantern displays and a fire drawing.

The festival finale on Saturday November 20 will be marked by the annual Christmas Lights switch-on.

For further details, visit www.derbygleam.co.uk.

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Seeper is a world leader in interactive arts and technology based in London. Founded in 1998 seeper creates large scale computer architectural projection mapping of buildings using light and sound to create multi-sensory experiences. Seeper's recent work includes with the likes of Sony PlayStation, Glastonbury Festival and the South Bank Centre.

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