

DERBY – GREAT PLACE, GREAT BASE

Derby's focus is FORMAT19

March 15-June 9

Derby's FORMAT International Festival of Photography will take place between March 15 and April 14 in 2019.

A world class biennale event, FORMAT is widely acknowledged as one of Europe's leading international contemporary festivals of photography, as well as - in terms of visitors and scale of programme - the largest event of its kind in the UK.

Previous festivals have welcomed around 100,000 visitors from all over the world. This year's event will once again feature some of Derby's most iconic buildings and key landmarks including: QUAD, University of Derby, Derby Museum & Art Gallery, Déda, Derwent Valley World Heritage Sites, the Market Place and other satellite venues.

Three main exhibitions will go on show in Derby QUAD, from March 15 to June 9. **Mutable, Multiple** is an exhibition featuring six artists who use the narrative potential of photography to engage with their subject, and will take place in QUAD Gallery One; a new commission and UK premiere by Japan-born, Venice-based artist Kensuke Koike, entitled **Happy Ending**, will be in QUAD Gallery Two; and **FORMAT Open Call** presenting the work of photographers and artists - who have been selected via an international Open Call in response to the FORMAT19 festival theme **FOREVER//NOW** - will be on show in QUAD Extra Gallery Spaces.

Amongst the many other events and exhibitions taking place, **FORMAT Photobook Market** will feature over 20 international publishers and collectives in Derby Museum and Art Gallery from March 15 to 17.

For full programme of events and exhibitions, visit www.formatfestival.com.

Visitors to Derby during FORMAT19 will also have the chance to visit **Leonardo Da Vinci: A Life in Drawing** at Derby Museum & Art Gallery, featuring a selection of exquisite drawings in a special exhibition marking the 500th anniversary of the Renaissance Master's death. They are on show until May 6. (<https://www.derbymuseums.org/whats-on/leonardo-da-vinci-a-life-in-drawing>)

All tourist information about Derby can be found at www.visitderby.co.uk.

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FORMAT International Photography Festival was established by QUAD in 2004 and is the UK's leading festival of photography and related media. FORMAT organises a year-round programme of international commissions, open calls, residencies, conferences and collaborations in the UK and Internationally. Previous festival editions have welcomed over 100,000 visitors from all over the world. FORMAT is the place to engage with an incredible range of new work alongside some of the best archives and established practitioners in the world. With comprehensive professional practice programmes and a yearly International Photography Portfolio Review, FORMAT is focused on developing opportunities for audiences to see, debate, develop, contribute and participate in the best of what photography is and can be. FORMAT is organised by QUAD and DMARC (Digital and Material Artistic Research Centre of the University of Derby).

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