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Right Here, Right Now!

FORMAT International Photography Festival is set to be staged in the City of Derby from Friday, March 4th to Monday, April 3rd.

Entitled "Right Here, Right Now: Exposures from the Public Realm" this year's festival has been curated around the theme of street photography through a wide variety of approaches. The festival celebrates the wealth of contemporary practice in international photography and is an opportunity to see an incredible range of new work alongside some of the best-known practitioners in the world, as well as developing opportunities for audiences to see, debate, develop and engage in the best of what photography is and can be.

QUAD, the city's purpose built £10m arts centre, will be the base for FORMAT festival activity, which also takes place at other venues across Derby.

The festival itself is organised in two strands, FOCUS and EXPOSURE. FOCUS will show exhibitions and new commissions by leading international artists, while EXPOSURE will feature work by some 50 of the most exciting new photographers from around the world, alongside public participation projects.

QUAD will be staging an exhibition of world-renowned photographers including Amy Stein, Joel Meyerowitz, Michael Wolf, Zhao Liang, Polly Braden, Raghu Rai, Orville Robertson, and Wassink Lundgren. Other exhibitions will be staged at Derby Museum and Art Gallery, Déda, and Derby Market Place.

There is also an opportunity for members of the public to take part in Mob FORMAT - a mass submission online project in association with Flickr. Submitted photographs will be shown on the BBC Big Screen in Derby Market Place, and on mobile screens around Derby, while a centrally located 'pop-up gallery' will print and display the best submissions daily in a constantly evolving exhibition.

FORMAT International Photography Festival was established in 2004, and is now one of the UK's leading international contemporary festivals of photography and related media.

For more information, visit www.formatfestival.com where it is also possible to sign up to the FORMAT specific e-flyers or www.derbyquad.co.uk/format.

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