

## 11-14 October 2007

A four-day programme of free art and events on outdoor screens around city centre Manchester

It's about content!



Exclusive live events Interactive works Streaming media Film shorts & animation Twilight mobile projection Live internet broadcasts

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www.manchesterurbanscreens.org.uk

#### URBAN SCREENS MANCHESTER 11-14 October 2007

#### Take a new look at your city

Urban Screens Manchester is a dynamic, groundbreaking four-day programme of free outdoor screen art and events; a showcase for the creative future of our cities, featuring the work of over 90 international artists.

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Three giant LED screens in city centre Manchester will show a wide range of individual programmes 24-hours a day. The screens will be sited at All Saints' Gardens on Oxford Road, Exchange Square, and Cathedral Gardens outside Urbis.

What you'll find on the screens:

#### **Exclusive Live Events**

Not-to-be-missed digital commissions and premieres from the cutting-edge

#### **Interactive works**

Affect content via movement, or use your mobile phone as a game controller!

#### Streaming media

Online content in the real world; a window on the possibilities of the internet

#### Film shorts & animation

International short film, video and digital art created or curated for outdoor screens around the world

#### Twilight mobile projection

Plunge into an urban labyrinth of back streets for a unique late-night film event

#### Live internet broadcasts

Observe or participate in an internet television station that links Manchester to the wider world

All the events on the screens are free and you can turn up whenever you like, or check the timings for each event and turn up when specified. See the day-byday schedule on the reverse of this brochure for a detailed programme of what's on when, or go to www.manchesterurbanscreens.org.uk

Please feed back your thoughts and comments on the artworks to info@manchesterurbanscreens.org.uk
We will publish them on the Urban Screens weblog at www.manchesterurbanscreens.org.uk

CURATOR: Susanne Jaschko

#### Why Manchester?

Manchester was the world's first industrial city and, as such, has always harboured a spirit of enterprise and innovation. It was no coincidence then, that the BBC decided to install its first Big Screen in the city in 2003. There are now eight associated Big Screens in cities up and down the country. By 2012 – Olympic year – the BBC will have many more screens in place.

There has never been a more crucial time than now to discuss and enjoy the potential of outdoor digital media. Manchester City Council, BBC, Cornerhouse and Arts Council England are proud to initiate this ground-breaking conference and public programme, showcasing the technological and creative possibilities of the evolving urban landscape on the streets of the world's first original, modern city.

MegaPhone

Screen programme at All Saints' Gardens Oxford Road

#### MegaPhone

Jury Hahn / UK premiere www.playmegaphone.com

MegaPhone is a means of using your mobile phone to participate in live, multi-player games for big screens in public spaces. Users call a local number and take control via keypad and voice activation, on any

phone, across any network. MegaPhone arrives in Manchester hot from the MTV Screen in Times Square, New York. Be among the first in the UK to take part!

Calls charged at standard mobile rates

#### Let's Go Global

Internet TV Channel www.letsgoglobal.tv

Manchester's very own Old Trafford-based community web TV channel will pitch camp, showcasing locally produced digital content. This will include Paul Sermon of the University of Salford mapping All Saints' Gardens within Second Life, allowing both online and real-life visitors the opportunity to interact. The history of the site also comes under evaluation - look closely and you may even see a virtual Emmeline Pankhurst chained to the railings!

Thursday 11, 5-6pm: No Budget Show Friday 12, 5-6pm: Paul Sermon / Second Life Saturday 13, 5-6pm: Global Youth Talent Show Thursday 11, midday-2pm Friday 12,1-3pm; 10pm-midnight Saturday 13, 2-4pm; 9-10pm Sunday 14, 3-5pm

#### 2008: Man with a Movie Camera

Perry Bard / The Bigger Picture 2007 Commission http://dziga.perrybard.net/

An experiment in database cinema, this extraordinary piece of work is based on Dziga Vertov's 1929 masterpiece as its starting point, updating the film for 21st century audiences. You are invited to recreate and submit footage in this multi-director vision. New scenes will be broadcast alongside the originals. Updates will be continuous, the nature of the database infinite and the results not to be missed. Visit the website to view the original scenes and start uploading your own.

The Bigger Picture launch Friday 12, 8.30pm

Thursday 11, 9-10am; 2-3pm Friday 12, 4-5pm Saturday 13, midday-1pm Sunday 14, midday-1pm



#### **Buffer Zone**

Samer Najari / UK premiere www.bufferzone.org

Live from an undisclosed area near Calais, France, a group of immigrants are filmed gathering for an opportunity to cross the channel. Buffer Zone is an hour-long piece spotlighting the lives of invisible people, challenging frontiers of freedom and movement. See how the story unfolds – live across three nights.

Thursday 11, 7-8pm Friday 12, 7-8pm Saturday 13, 7-8pm



#### Communication ← → Spaces

Bill Seaman and Weong-woong Cheong / UK premiere www.billseaman.com / www.nabi.or.kr/
In association with Art Center Nabi

This randomised visual poem is a collaboration between digital media artist Bill Seaman and the Korean motion graphics designer Weong-woong Cheong. Seaman's video footage, stills and abstract imagery – shot in Seoul and across the Korean countryside – form a database that is juxtaposed with a poetic text. The results are surprising and never the same twice. A new soundtrack of traditional and popular Korean music complements the work.

Thursday 11, 8-10pm / Friday 12, 10am-midday Saturday 13, 8-10am; 10pm-midnight Sunday 14, 1-3pm; 10pm-midnight

# The Bigger Picture National Commissions

www.biggerpictureuk.net

Commissioned by The Bigger Picture (Cornerhouse) in collaboration with partners Enter\_, Lumen and Site Gallery together with the BBC Big Screen Network, these four new works push boundaries in the use of public space, audience participation and interaction. They will premiere on Friday 12 October, and be shown across all three screens during the public programme. Works will continue to screen in Manchester before touring to Norwich, Leeds and Sheffield.

#### Launch: Friday 12 October at 8.30pm

Perry Bard: 2008: Man with a Movie Camera susan pui san lok: DIY Ballroom/Live Esther Johnson: Celestial Juneau Projects: Honourable Ordinaries

## 2.4Ghz homing pigeons

Joel Porter www.joelporter.co.uk

Based on the original photographic work of Edward Muybridge's study of pigeons in flight, this work uses Bluetooth technology to build an interactive environment in which pedestrians control the number of birds based upon the number of enabled mobile devices present.

Thursday 11, 3-5pm Friday 12, 8-10am Saturday 13, 10am-midday; 8-9pm Sunday 14, 9-11am; 6-8pm

## Overnight at All Saints' Gardens

#### **PKWY TNPKE TUNNEL**

Trevor Lloyd Morgan / www.trevormorgan.info

(Parkway/Tumpike Tunnel). Take a slow-motion car journey from New Jersey to New York across six hours, sharing the physical, social and psychological terrain of the commuter. As the vehicle glides between thinned-out spaces toward metropolitan density, view the journey ahead or the world behind via windscreen and rear-view mirror.

Friday 12 / Saturday 13 Sunday 14 / Monday 15 all at midnight-6am

# Screen programme at Cathedral Gardens Outside Urbis



#### the air been broken

8GG www.8gg.com www.folly.co.uk

Chinese duo 8GG use digital techniques to create an intriguing audio-visual landscape, inspired by human anatomy and spontaneous movement. The public will be encouraged to participate via the giant screen, webcams, microphones and other sensors.

The city transfixed in a pixellated grip.

In association with folly, the Lancaster-based media arts organization and VELOCITY, Festival of Digital Culture.

Saturday 13, midday-12.30pm

#### Augenblicke

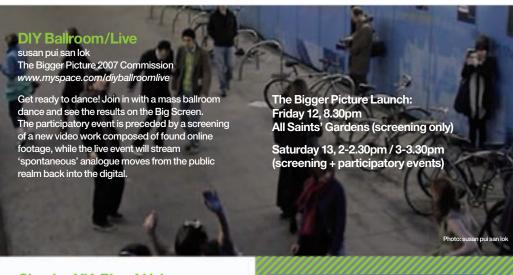
Peter Aerschmann www.aerschmann.ch

On the screen stands a group of pedestrians, their backs turned to us. Can they see something that we can't? A patch of pavement is bathed in a motion-sensitive trigger so that as we edge forward expectantly, these strangers react.

A study in infringement upon personal space.

Thursday 11, 5.30-7.30pm Friday 12, midday-2pm; 7-9pm Saturday 13, 8-10am Sunday 14, 6-8pm





#### Circulez Y'A Rien A Voir

Cécile Babiole www.babiole.net

In translation, 'move along now, there's nothing to see'. This interactive work is a form of benign surveillance: your movements are captured and converted into graphic patterns and sound modulations. Step up, shake a tail feather and create your own audio-visual output.

Thursday 11, 9-10am; midday-2pm Friday 12, 8-10am; 5-6pm Saturday 13, 12.30-2pm; 8-10pm Sunday 14, midday-2pm

## **Overnight at Cathedral Gardens**

#### Les Baigneurs

Elina Brotherus www.re-title.com/artists/elina-brotherus.asp

A fearless band of swimmers slip, stumble and skinny-dip into dark and mysterious Nordic waters. Brotherus frames the landscape in the manner of a photograph, blurring concepts of movement and still-life

Thursday 11 - Sunday 14, midnight-7am

Exchange Square
Big Screen Manchester,
outside the Triangle

#### 15 x 15

Richard Vickers / Hull School of Art & Design www.15x15.lincoln.ac.uk/

In 1968 Andy Warhol said: 'In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes'. 15x15 advances this premise; with new media technology anyone and everyone can be world famous...for 15 seconds. Upload MMS video clips from your phone or footage from a personal computer and grab the limelight.

Calls charged at standard mobile rates

Thursday 11, 9-10am; 3-5pm; 8-9pm Friday 12, midday-2pm; 10-11pm Saturday 13, 1-3pm; 5-7pm Sunday 14, 1-3pm

#### nocinema.org

Jérôme Joy, featuring sound artists Magali Babin, Dinah Bird, Christophe Charles, Yannick Dauby, Jérôme Joy, Luc Kerléo, Alain Michon, Jocelyn Robert and Chantal Dumas. www.nocinema.org

nocinema.org is an evolving net-project developed by French artist and composer Jérôme Joy. A carousel of live, streaming webcams around the world transmits views from the suburban fringe, a hypnotic combination when accompanied by a randomly sequenced database of audio samples. Orchestras tune behind garage doors. Beneath an overpass, liquid boils.

Thursday 11, midday-2pm Friday 12, 3-5pm; 8-10pm Saturday 13, 10am-midday; 8-10pm Sunday 14, 10am-midday; 6-8pm

## Overnight at Exchange Square

#### Cortina

Marcus Kreiss

www.souvenirsfromtheearth.com

A coloured kitchen curtain shivers in the Barcelona morning wind; reminiscent of a theatre backdrop which has descended upon the day. By night it twitches in anticipation of dawn.

Thursday 11- Sunday 14, midnight-7am

Special event at Manchester Town Hall Great Hall, Albert Square



#### The Light Surgeons present **True Fictions: New Adventures** in Folklore

European premiere / One performance only www.thelightsurgeons.co.uk/ http://avfolklore.blogspot.com/

UK-based art collective The Light Surgeons set out to explore the stories and myths surrounding Uncle Sam Wilson, bearded idol and personification of the United States of America. A sizzling multi-screen fusion of documentary filmmaking, genre hopping soundtracks, animation/motion graphics and digital video performance fuses with the stunning, neo-gothic splendour of the Great Hall.

#### Thursday 11, 9pm

Limited tickets available at £5 (£4 concession) from Cornerhouse Box Office on 0161 200 1500 Twilight mobile projection Manchester city centre

#### A Wall is a Screen

UK premiere / Promenade event / One night only www.awallisascreen.com

Part guided tour, part film night, A Wall is a Screen leads its audience through the streets of the city, stopping at previously unnoticed locations where films of different genres are projected. After each film, the equipment is loaded up onto a handcart and the group moves on to the next wall. Working with the North West Film Archive at Manchester Metropolitan University, this event includes localised footage

that peels back the layers of inner-city history. Friday 12, 9-10.30pm. FREE. Start location: Outside Kro Piccadilly, Piccadilly Gardens

## **Exhibition at** Cornerhouse Oxford Street **Outside the Box** Friday 14 September - Sunday 11 November www.cornerhouse.org Outside the Box celebrates the achievements of artists who have presented innovative work in the public realm, creating unexpected shifts in perception by doing so. Each of the nine artists/artist collaborations featured in the exhibition has been selected to illustrate a unique approach for screenbased work in public spaces that moves away from entrenched, predictable ways of working. ARTISTS: Jim Campbell, Daniel Canogar, Kit Galloway & Sherrie Rabinowitz, Jenny Holzer, Lev Manovich & Andreas Kratky, Guenther Selichar, Chris Allen (The Light Surgeons), 8GG (Fu Yu & Jian Haiging), Anne-Marie Schleiner CURATOR: **Kathy Rae Huffma**

#### SHORT FILM. VIDEO ART AND **ANIMATION PROGRAMME**

An intriguing showcase of the best and latest international video works curated for outdoor screens across the globe, brought together here to provide a stimulating city-wide programme for Manchester Urban Screens. For full details of artists, origin, venues and showing times visit www.manchesterurbanscreens.org.uk

- Work from Victory Media Network in Dallas, Texas, the first large-scale, outdoor digital arts gallery in the world. Curator: Kristin Gray / www.victorymedianetwork.com
- agent provocateur is a Swiss project that creates miniature video-spots upon contemporary social and political issues. Curator: Johannes Gees / www.agent-provocateur.ch
- Best of Transmedia presents highlights from the art collective Year Zero One displayed originally in downtown Toronto. Curator: Michelle Kasprzak
- Otherworldly takes viewers on a journey both familiar and alien, having premiered on the Federation Square screen in Melbourne. Curator: Michelle Kasprzak
- Trampoline, purveyors of new media art in both Nottingham and Berlin, present a double-whammy with Do Billboards Dream of Electric Screens? Curators: Miles Chalcraft, Anette Schäfer / www.trampoline-berlin.de & www.trampoline.org.uk
- A UK first, Manchester and Cornerhouse's own Best of the Bigger Picture Open Submissions 2006/7 light the way ahead for outdoor moving image. Curator: Helen Wewiora / www.cornerhouse.org
- Best of 37seconds saw the Big Screen Liverpool make a splash in this port city. Curator: Rebecca Lennon



- Frozen Waves from the Yama screen, Istanbul employs visual and textual codes from the language of commerce and the information economy. Curators: Michelle Cotton and Svlvia Kouvali
- o souvenirs from the earth transforms flat screens into futuristic digital paintings for TV-tired members of the post-MTV generation. Curator: Marcus Kreiss www.souvenirsfromtheearth.com



- Participatory art project Flag Metamorphoses remixes the flags of every nation in a striking cavalcade of Flash animations. Curator: Miriam Thyes / www.flag-metamorphoses.net
- Supernature fulfils the modern urbanist's desire to partly re-naturalise functional city centres. Curator: Susanne Jaschko
- Televised Texts adopts the form and language of commercial messages to disrupt communication in unscheduled, kamikaze texts, Artist: Jenny Holzer / www.jennyholzer.com
- Global Cream lay on a smorgasbord of community animations from across the city. www.letsgoglobal.tv
- URBIS provides rare video footage of the renowned Hacienda nightclub for hacienda 25 the exhibition: fac 491. www.urbis.org.uk

#### **THE VENUES**

#### 01 All Saints' Gardens

Oxford Road, adjacent to Manchester Metropolitan University Library and Students' Union, M15 6BH

- 02 Big Screen Manchester, Exchange Square Outside the Triangle, M4 3TR
- 03 Cornerhouse 70 Oxford Street, M1 5NH
- 04 Cathedral Gardens Outside Urbis, M4 3BG
- 05 Manchester Town Hall Albert Square, M60 2LA



#### **URBAN SCREENS** CONFERENCE 11 + 12 October, 2007

#### It's about content!

The Urban Screens conference at Cornerhouse on 11 + 12 October will discuss and explore the exciting possibilities of urban screens and moving image in the urban environment from a multitude of perspectives.

For more details and to register as a delegate go to www.manchesterurbanscreens.org.uk

















LIGHTHOUSE











#### **DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE**

This is a day-by-day calendar of when you can view each screening at each venue during **Urban Screens Manchester**. You can also view the schedule at www.manchesterurbanscreens.org.uk

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Thursday 11	

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#### Saturday 13

6-7am Best of 37 Seconds 7-8am Best of the Bigger Picture 8-10am Communication Spaces 2.4Ghz homing pigeons 10am-midday 2008: Man with a Movie Camera midday-1pm 1-1.30pm Celestial / Honourable Ordinaries 1.30-2pm Victory Media Network MegaPhone 2-4pm 4-5pm Otherworldly / Transmedia Let's Go Global 5-6pm 6-7pm Supernature 7-8pm Buffer Zone 8-9pm 2.4Ghz homing pigeons 9-10pm MegaPhone

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#### **Cathedral Gardens** Thursday 11

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#### Friday 12

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Best of the Bigger Picture

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#### Sunday 14

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#### Manchester Town Hall - Thursday 11 The Light Surgeons

Manchester City Centre - Friday 12 A Wall is a Screen

#### **DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE** continued

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Best of 37 Seconds

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