

Installation of Artwork by Angela Verdon at QUAD

Final touches are being put to the QUAD building with the installation of a specially commissioned work of art from international ceramic artist Angela Verdon. Angela is a local artist who has achieved an international reputation for her work, and uses bone china, a material that is very much associated with Derby. Angela been supported by Royal Crown Derby through a workspace and materials for the project.

The artwork is a frieze created out of bone china which will be on permanent display in the void above the QUAD entrance space, immediately visible on entering the building. The frieze itself is made up of a series of 100 individual porcelain motifs that are all unique in shape, which then hang together to create an abstract ceramic wave, or spine whose linear path suggests peaks and valleys. The translucent material will be lit with natural light and spotlights that will create shadows that add depth and texture and constantly change during the day to create an impressive welcome to the building.

Keith Jeffrey, QUAD Director said “We are pleased to have been able to work with both Angela and Royal Crown Derby on this piece of permanent artwork which represents both Derby and international quality. Angela’s work and the support of all the staff at Royal Crown Derby has been exceptional and the final piece is both visually stunning and truly unique.”

Hugh Gibson, Chief Executive at Royal Crown Derby said “I am delighted that Royal Crown Derby has been able to work with ceramic artist Angela Verdon on this project for QUAD. Royal Crown Derby’s technical expertise and Angela’s artistry have combined to create a dramatic work that shows the unique strength and translucent properties of bone china. The collaboration will be a permanent reminder of the city’s glorious ceramic tradition.”

QUAD opens to the public on 26th September. The ambitions of QUAD are for it to be an organisation and building that is of local, national and international significance, striving to best serve the needs of the people of Derby and the region and attracting the most significant and important names in the world of art and film and bring them to the city.

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Notes for Editors

QUAD is Derby’s new centre for art and film, on the Market Place in Derby city centre, opening 26th September. QUAD is a gallery, cinema, café bar and workshop that anyone can use.

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