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FORMAT09, International Photography Festival in Derby

6<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009

FORMAT09 Festival comes to Derby in March 2009 with the theme of PHOTOCINEMA. Featuring over a hundred different international photographers and filmmakers, the festival will be on show at QUAD and at 20 venues throughout Derby.

FORMAT International Photography Festival is now one of the UK's leading contemporary photography and media festivals, and this year includes exhibitions, talks, screenings, master classes, conference, portfolio reviews, bookshop, mass participation and special events.

Now in its third year, FORMAT is the place to see an incredible range of new work alongside the best known practitioners of the world. Artists taking part include; David Lynch, Jonas Mekas, Wim Wenders, Eric Baudelaire, Cindy Sherman, Hannah Starkey, Muge, Simon Roberts, Zhang Xiao, Steve Harries & Mel Bles, Jason Dee, Nadege Meriau, Ej Major, Eugenia Ivanissevich and Magnum in Motion.

FORMAT International Photography Festival is curated by Louise Clements and organised by QUAD in partnership with Derby City Council, Arts Council of England and University of Derby. The festival's patrons are Martin Parr and Brian Griffin.

PHOTOCINEMA Conference - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009

This will be a special conference exploring the theme of the festival looking at the idea of the 'cinematic' in photography; photographers as filmmakers; directors as photographers; still and moving image; and examining key ideas and practices by a range of leading thinkers and producers in the field. Speakers include: Martin Parr, Neil Campbell, David Company, Hannah Starkey and Huw Davies.

Portfolio Reviews for Photographers - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009

An opportunity to book for a one to one Portfolio Review with leading international curators, editors, agencies and experts. For more details and to book please see FORMAT09 website.

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Mob FORMAT – Your Photocinema!

There is an opportunity to have your own photographs exhibited during the FORMAT09 festival. Upload your photographs to the FORMAT09 website and have the chance to be selected for exhibition on the BBC Big Screen, and to have your images printed and published online!

For more details and to book places for the Conference or a Portfolio Review, or to take part in Mob FORMAT, please see FORMAT09 festival website: [www.formatfestival.com](http://www.formatfestival.com)  
The FORMAT09 festival website will provide full programme and event details plus the chance to join up for regular programme updates.

For further information about exhibitions and events at QUAD please call the QUAD Box office on: 01332 290606 or go to [www.derbyquad.co.uk](http://www.derbyquad.co.uk)

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