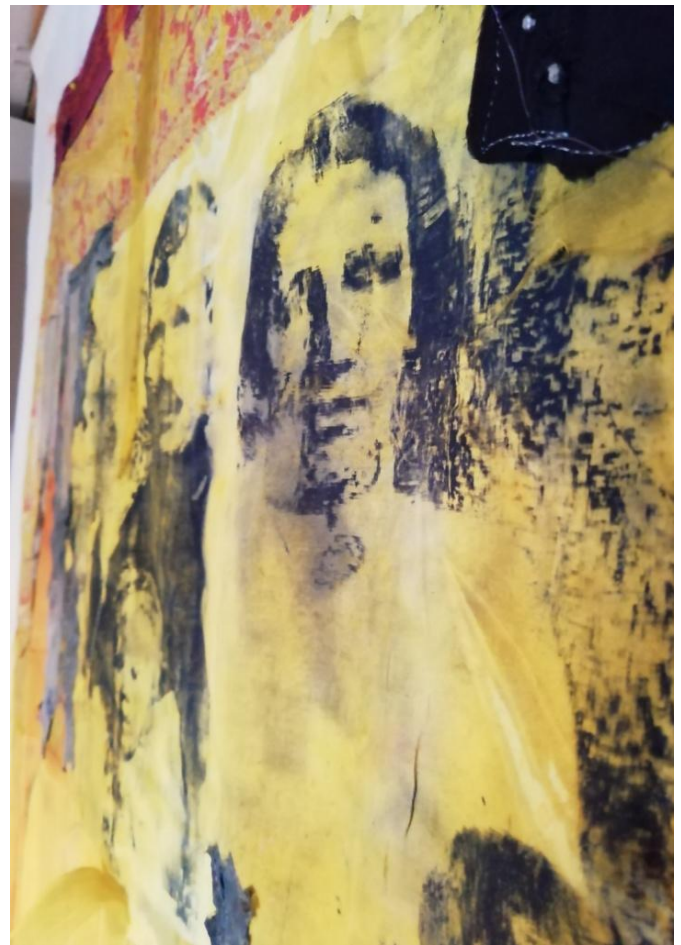


The Riverfront
Kingsway, Newport NP20 1HG – FREE ADMISSIOM – Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm

Cas Holmes' 'Places, Spaces, Traces' opens 15th February to 16th March 2020

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company is proud to announce a new exhibition of works by the artist Cas Holmes. This exciting installation of specially commissioned artworks is the latest in our groundbreaking Gypsy Maker project—an initiative that supports the development of innovative works by established and emerging Gypsy, Roma and Traveller artists. The Gypsy Maker project expands the work of the RCAC by continuing to engage GRT communities with the wider public in ongoing dialogue about the ways in which art continues to inform the lives of individuals and communities today.

Cas Holmes trained in fine art and currently works with textiles and mixed media. She is the author of several books for Batsford Publications including *Stitch Stories* (2015) and *Textile Landscape: Painting with Cloth* (2018). As part of her practice Holmes works on community collaborations developing a range of projects based on environmental themes from the natural and observed world. The transient nature of Holmes' work and process underpins her compulsion to engage with our built and natural landscapes—with people and place. The overlooked details of daily life which reveal commonalities across communities continue to inform her particular take on the world.



Detail of work in progress © Cas Holmes 2019

'The opportunity to work with and be mentored by the Gypsy Maker 4 project allows me to pause to reflect on my identity and mixed heritage. With migration, changes in our working lives and increasing opportunities to travel, certainties about who we are and our place in the world is in flux.' Cas Holmes

"The new Romani Cultural & Arts Company exhibition is an opportunity for people across the city to enjoy these commissioned artworks by two artists from the Gypsy Roma Traveler community and engage with the brilliant on-going work being undertaken by the RCAC across South East Wales. Da iawn, pawb!" John Griffiths Assembly Member for Newport East/ Aelod y Cynulliad dros Ddwyrain Casnewydd

'We are excited at hosting The Romani Cultural and Arts Company's Gypsy Maker 4 exhibitions at The Riverfront and the prospect of engaging further with our local and regional audiences as well as showcasing the innovative work of both Cas Holmes and Dan Turner.' Alan Dear, Riverfront Theatre & Arts Centre

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company invites you along to see the works at the opening of this new exhibition by Cas Holmes on the evening of Friday 14th February.

