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

Dan Turners' 'TAN' opens 15th February to 16th March 2020

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company is proud to announce a new exhibition of works by the artist Dan Turner. 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.

Dan Turner is an artist and educator. A Romani Gypsy, born in Dartford, Kent, Turner achieved a BA Hons Degree in Sculpture from St Martins School of Art. His work recently appeared in FUTUROMA at the Venice Biennale in 2019. By using Transactional Objects which have significance across cultures, Turner examines how Gypsy, Roma and Traveller cultures meet and interact with the dominant culture. Working with migration maps of Roma diasporas and using traditional crafts and occupations such as peg and wooden flower making, and fortune telling Turner re-imagines Roma past, present and future to challenge mainstream culture's view of our Roma identities.

'I have travelled long roads and met lucky people' © Dan Turner 2019

'Working with the RCAC on its Gypsy Maker project provides a unique opportunity that is rarely available, especially to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups. Its approach of tirelessly commissioning ground breaking work and projects has helped promote understanding about GRT communities. In the process it has changed people's lives, including mine.' Dan Turner

"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 Dan Turner on the evening of Friday 14th February.