

RUG

Unit 16, Ground Floor, Capital Centre, Queen Street, Cardiff, CF10 2HQ
FREE ADMISSION – Monday to Sunday 12pm – 6pm

Dan Turners' 'TAN' opens 21st March to 18th April 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

'I am very excited that the work by Cas Holmes and Dan Turner will be exhibited in the Rug Art Gallery in Queen St in the centre of Cardiff in March and April next year. Many thanks to The Romani Cultural & Arts Company for organising it.' Jenny Rathbone, Aelod Cynulliad | Assembly Member

'Here at RUG we are very pleased to exhibit new artworks by Cas Holmes and Dan Turner as part of the Gypsy Maker 4 project. We look forward to expanding the reach of the works and our gallery through this collaboration with The Romani Cultural & Arts Company in 2020.' John Abell, Director, RUG.

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 20th March.

