

The Factory
Jenkin Street, Porth, CF39 9PP – FREE ADMISSION – Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Cas Holmes' 'Places, Spaces, Traces' opens 27th April to 22nd May 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

"It's great that the Rhondda is going to host this exhibition of art. I'm pleased to be able to support the Gypsy Maker project and I hope that many local people turn out to see it." Rhondda AM Leanne Wood.

'We at Art in the Attic, The Robert Maskrey Gallery are very pleased to be curating such a prestigious exhibition as Gypsy Maker 4, here in the Rhondda Valleys. We look forward to engaging with the artists and a successful cultural event.' Anne Culverhouse Evans, Valleys Kids, The Factory.

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company invites you to see the works and meet the artist at the opening of this new exhibition by Cas Holmes.

