

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

Dan Turners' 'TAN' opens 27th April to 22nd May 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

"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 Dan Turner.

