



Acts of Making Festival



The Shipley Art Gallery
7—21 March

6 makers. 6 moments. 14 days to discover.

Acts of Making Festival:
7—21 March

Acts of Making is a two-week festival celebrating contemporary craft through performances, live installations and workshops. Events will be held at the Shipley Art Gallery and more unusual spaces across town. We want you to contribute, collaborate and capture your discoveries.

Over a fortnight you will be able to: witness the creation and destruction of a patterned carpet made entirely from dust; create your own sound art via musical logs; watch a colourful procession of Vespa and Lambretta scooters parade through the streets; and be part of an ongoing collection of stories and photographs which looks at our relationship with jewellery.

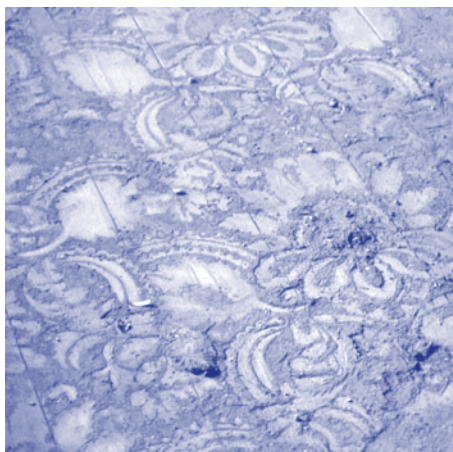
Catherine Bertola, Keith Harrison, Owl Project, Mah Rana, Clare Twomey and Richard William Wheeler all use craft skills in unexpected ways to create moments that are curious and fascinating.

Share your *Acts of Making* moments via [#ActsofMaking](https://twitter.com/ActsofMaking)

Catherine Bertola

Unfurling Splendour [VI]
2015

Dust, PVA glue and
installation performance



Catherine Bertola will create a patterned carpet made entirely of dust at the start of the festival. Visitors to the Shipley Art Gallery will be able to witness Bertola painstakingly creating the piece over the course of three days. It will then be cleaned away at the end of the festival. The carpet's pattern will be inspired by the history and architecture of the gallery building and will represent its invisible history.

Find the artwork:

The Shipley Art Gallery

- Installation performance
7/10/11 March
- Completed installation
12—20 March
- De-installation performance
21 March

Keith Harrison

Tombstone [let's get over this]
2015

Sandstone, rubber, steel and
collaborative performance



Tombstone [let's get over this] is a series of benches in Dynamix Skatepark designed for skateboarders. The benches are made of sandstone and will change shape as they are sculpted by the skills of the skaters at the Attack of the Tombstones skate jam event. Harrison is making a playful nod to the fact that most street furniture is strictly off-limits to street sports. Come along to the skate jam event hosted by Dynamix and witness an Act of Making.

Find the artwork:

Dynamix Skatepark

- Skate Jam Event, Attack of the Tombstones
Collaborative performance
14 March
7pm—10pm

Owl Project

Photosynthonium
2014

Logs, electronics and
collaborative performance



Owl Project consists of Simon Blackmore, Antony Hall and Steve Symons. Their project *Photosynthonium* at the Shipley Art Gallery is a log pile embedded with LEDs. Light is converted into sound and can be played by moving hand-held iLog devices over them. The iLogs are connected to large wooden amplifiers, allowing you to create your own sound art.

Find the artwork:

The Shipley Art Gallery

- Collaborative performance
7—21 March
- Live improvised artist performance
7 March
3pm
- Workshop
7 and 21 March
10am—2.30pm

[See events page for workshop booking details]

Mah Rana

Meanings and Attachments
2002—present
Collaborative archive project



Mah Rana's *Meanings and Attachments* project has collected personal stories connected to the jewellery we wear from hundreds of people all over the world, through photographic portraits and written accounts. Bring an item of jewellery that means something to you along to Gateshead Central Library to have your photograph taken with the piece and record your story. These photographs will be exhibited at the Shipley Art Gallery during the festival.

Find the artwork:

Gateshead Central Library

- Live Event
7 March
10am—12.30pm
- Live Event
17 March
10am—2.45pm

The Shipley Art Gallery

- Display
10—21 March

Clare Twomey
Is It Madness. Is It Beauty.
 2010
 Clay and live performance



Clare Twomey's *Is it Madness. Is it Beauty* is a performance piece which takes place at the Shipley Art Gallery over the course of five days during the festival. 500 unfired clay pots will be repeatedly filled with water, leading to their gradual disintegration and loss of function. This piece is a comment on the futility of human action.

Find the artwork:

The Shipley Art Gallery

— Performance
 17—21 March
 11am—3pm

Richard William Wheater
Tree and Scooters, 2013
 Metal, fabric, scooter
 motorcycles and
 procession performance



Tree and Scooters is a procession of Vespa and Lambretta scooters which will take place on Saturday 7 March, starting at 1pm at Trinity Square shopping centre, arriving at the Shipley Art Gallery at 2pm.

The procession will demonstrate man's effect on the environment. Each scooter will carry a flag showing a section of a plastic poplar tree and at the end of the procession at the Shipley Art Gallery all the flags will be displayed until the end of the festival.

Find the artwork:

**Trinity Square Shopping Centre to
 The Shipley Art Gallery**

— Performance and procession
 [See festival map]
 7 March
 1pm—2pm

The Shipley Art Gallery

— Display
 7—21 March

7 and 21 March

Owl Project
 iLog making workshop

The Shipley Art Gallery
 10am—2.30pm

7 March

Owl Project
 Live improvised artist performance

The Shipley Art Gallery
 3pm

7 March

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 Procession performance

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 Library
 10am—12.30pm

7/10/11 March

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 Installation performance

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 Collaborative performance skate jam

Dynamix Skatepark
 7pm—10pm

17 March

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 Live Event

Gateshead Central
 Library
 10am—2.45pm

17 March

Exploring Acts of Making with the Scribblers
 Talk and performance

The Shipley Art Gallery
 6.30pm

17—21 March

Clare Twomey
Is It Madness. Is It Beauty.
 Performance

The Shipley Art Gallery
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 De-installation performance

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Events:

Owl Project iLog Making Workshop
Saturday 7 March, 10am—2.30pm
Saturday 21 March, 10am—2.30pm
The Shipley Art Gallery
Free event but tickets required

Learn how to make an Owl Project iLog, which converts electronic light into sound. Owl Project use the iLog in their *Photosynthonium* artwork. Through soldering electronics and wood working you'll make your own fully working iLog. After the workshop there will be the option to take part in a short performance using the newly made iLogs.

Age 14+. All materials supplied
Please bring a packed lunch.

To book please contact the Shipley Art Gallery on 0191 477 1495.

Owl Project performance

Saturday 7 March, 3pm
The Shipley Art Gallery
Free event

A wonderful opportunity to see an Owl Project performance. Owl Project make functional music making machines and instruments that they use in their improvised performances. Come along and hear something unique!

Skate Jam Event Attack of the Tombstones
Saturday 14 March, 7pm—10pm
Dynamix Skatepark
Entry: £3 for participating skaters and £1 suggested donation for spectators

Come along to this skate jam event organised and hosted by Dynamix Skatepark, where skilled skaters will transform Keith Harrison's bench sculptures with their skill and creativity. Take part in the event or simply witness the tricks and see art in action. The stakes are high, with a cash prize for the best bench-trick!

Contact Dynamix for further information:
0191 478 7787

Exploring Acts of Making with the Scribblers

Tuesday 17 March, 6.30pm
The Shipley Art Gallery
Free event but tickets required

Crafts Council curator Lorna Burn will introduce the *Acts of Making Festival*. Joining her are the Scribblers, who will share their creative writing inspired by Mah Rana's artwork *Meanings and Attachments*. There will also be a tour of the exhibition *Eat, Drink and Make Merry* which has been curated by members of the University of the Third Age.

To book please contact the Shipley Art Gallery on 0191 477 1495.

Creative Makings March Celebration

Gateshead Central Library
Saturday 7 March, 10am—8pm
Free event

As well as *Acts of Making*, Gateshead Central Library will present a bumper month of making in March, marking the end of the *Creative Makings* artists in residence projects. The programme will kick off in style on Saturday 7 March with a full day of demonstrations, stalls and creative stations, including projects transforming waste into wearable art, book bag making, creating accordion books, exploring sustainable sounds with instruments made from recycled materials and much more!

Further details online at:
gateshead.gov.uk/whatson

How to get involved:

We would like you to be part of the festival.

Show us what you've seen and share your photos and comments about the festival via #ActsofMaking.

See all the moments from the festival:
actsofmaking.uk
craftscouncil.org.uk/acts-of-making

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Meanings and Attachments Live Events
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Start of *Tree and Scooters* procession
- 4 Dynamix Skatepark
Tombstone [let's get over this]

--- Tree and Scooters procession route

A Crafts Council Touring Project in partnership with the Shipley Art Gallery

Find the Crafts Council on Twitter and Facebook @CraftsCouncilUK

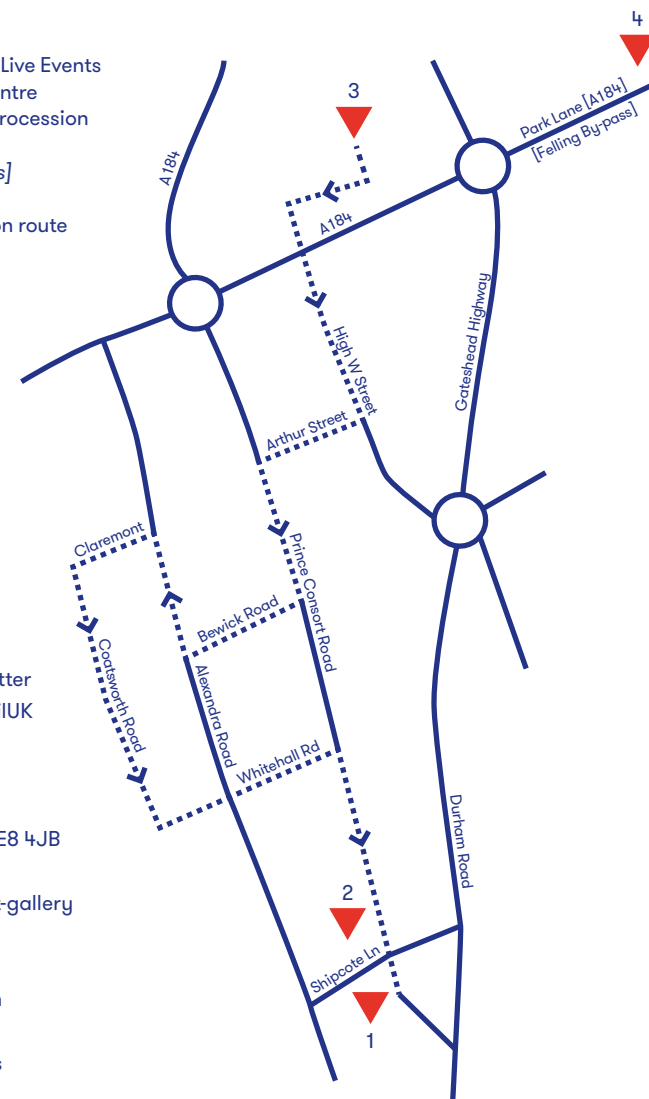
The Shipley Art Gallery

Prince Consort Road
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 4JB
0191 477 1495
twmuseums.org.uk/shipley-art-gallery

Opening hours:
Tuesday—Friday: 10am—4pm
Saturday: 10am—5pm
Closed Sundays and Mondays
Admission free

Gateshead Central Library
Prince Consort Road
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 4LN
0191 433 8420

Dynamix Skatepark
Albany Road
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 3AT
0191 478 7787



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