



International photography festival



Say cheese!



FORMAT09 6th March - 5th April

Format09 Festival comes to Derby in March 2009 with the theme of PHOTOCINEMA. Featuring over two hundred different international photographers and filmmakers, the festival will be on show at QUAD and at 20 venues throughout Derby from 6th March - 5th April.

FORMAT International Photography Festival is now one of the UK's leading contemporary photography and media festivals. See an incredible range of new work alongside the best known practitioners in the world.

Featuring the photography of David Lynch, Hannah Starkey, Wim Wenders, Jonas Mekas, William Eggleston, Cindy Sherman, Magnum Cinema, Simon Roberts, Gregory Crewdson, Nadege Meriau and many more

For full festival information see: www.formatfestival.com



Quartet make the move to Derby



Keelys' Derby office team

Despite the talk of recession, Derby is an active marketplace with a strong economy and a lot of ongoing development. Four companies have announced that they are to move to new Derby premises recently.

Marketing Derby Bondholder, **Optus**, have started 2009 with a move to fantastic new offices in Pride Park, Derby. Optus is a recruitment consultancy offering companies and candidates a complete, well-rounded and co-ordinated recruitment solution.

Handelsbanken is one of Sweden's leading banks and one of the largest in the Nordic countries and has also moved to a new location on Pride Park. Offering a relationship banking service that is precisely tailored to each individual.

Questar, a leadership and employment research specialist has relocated its UK and European business to Derby. It conducts bespoke management and leadership assessment programmes and opinion surveys with employees and customers in the public and private sectors.

Midlands law firm, **Keelys**, has launched a new Derby office at St Mary's Wharf in the city centre and follows acquisitions of two offices in London to form one of the country's leading costs litigation specialists.

Derby's schools are top of the class



Derby's best-ever set of GCSE results have made it the most improved local authority in the country. GCSE results tables published last week show that 49.3% of pupils in Derby gained five or more A8 to C grades, including Maths and English. This is up by nearly 10% in 2007 and 2% above the national average.

Councillor Les Allen, City Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "This is fantastic for the city. Improvements across the city's schools are exceptional."

Discover Derby's twin city



Osnabrück, Derby's twin city, will be hosting its annual Mayweek Festival between May 7 and 13 and a limited number of 25 places are available to 25 Derbeians. The festival is unique to northern Germany and attracts over 650,000 visitors each year.

Participants in the twinning celebrations will have the opportunity to discover Osnabrück's culture and history and, at the same time, have a lot of fun.

Guests will be welcomed by the Mayor of Osnabrück in the town hall before enjoying the official opening of the festival. Visitors will enjoy trips to the city's attractions and places of interest as well as sampling local food and drink. The festival also includes open-air music concerts. One of the highlights will be a daytrip to Hamelin to see the Pied Piper play.

For more information, or to book a place, please contact Miss Lea Arlt on 01332 255816 or email: twinning@derby.gov.uk

Charity firewalk needs volunteers

Derbyshire Association for the Blind are holding a spectacular firewalk on Wednesday 25th March in the Market Place, Derby to raise money for a vital



local cause and are looking for people to volunteer to take part.

The event includes a two hour empowerment workshop and training by Europe's leading instructor. Registration is free for those who receive Marketing Derby's e-Shot (normally £10). For a minimum of £99 sponsorship you and your colleagues could learn to conquer your fears and put mind over matter as you walk over 1200 degree embers without pain or any injury.

For more information, or to register, call 01332 287 021 or email robin@dab.org.uk

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