



Craft NI

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International Craft Exhibition Makes Its Mark

**A new exhibition of craft works by leading NI and
International makers at Hillsborough Courthouse this
August**

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**[STORY BEGINS] VISITORS to Hillsborough
Courthouse are in for a rare treat as two very special craft exhibition will be
on display there throughout August.**

**The two exhibitions feature ceramic work by some of Northern Ireland's leading
craftspeople as well as an international line-up of potters from across the UK, Spain,
Scandinavia and America.**

The exhibitions which opened on Thursday are part of the annual August Craft Month programme that aims to showcase the creativity and talent of Northern Ireland craftspeople.

August Craft Month 09 celebrates the craft making of over eight hundred makers currently working in the craft industry and invites people to get involved in the heritage and innovation of craft in Northern Ireland.

Joe Kelly, Director of Craft NI, hopes the exhibition and other events taking place will capture the public's imagination:

"It's through the support of local venues, organisations such as Hillsborough Courthouse that we've been able to bring together such an exciting programme of events in this the third year of August Craft Month".

"It's vital that we look at ways of working together to develop that creativity for the benefit of Northern Ireland's tourism industry and its economy", says Joe.

We hope that people can get involved in the making process, learn more about the innovative skills and creativity of craftspeople and to be inspired by the rich seam of craft talent here in Northern Ireland”,

The ‘Our Objects’ and ‘Northern Ireland Contemporary Ceramics’ exhibitions continue until the end of August.

A full guide which lists the exhibition and over 40 other craft events and activities taking place during August Craft Month is available from tourist offices, libraries and other cultural hotspots across Northern Ireland.

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Editor’s notes:

- Our Objects: Contemporary Ceramics in Context and Northern Ireland Contemporary Ceramics run until 31 August 2009 at Hillsborough Courthouse.
- The exhibition is open Mon – Sat, 9:30 – 5pm.
- An artists talk by Richard Slee will take place on 12 August, 17:30 – 18:30
- The curator and participating craftspeople are available for interview. To arrange an interview with Sarah McHugh, Ann McNulty or other craftspeople please contact Emma Duggan t: +44 (0) 28 9032 3059, m: +44 (0)7708 178667, emma@craftni.org
- August Craft Month 09 is Northern Ireland’s annual celebration of craft. A copy of the listings guide to August Craft Month 09 is available to download here or by visiting Craft NI’s website, www.craftnidirectory.org.
- This year, the 3rd year of August Craft Month, the focus is on ceramics and there are 5 major ceramics exhibitions and a full programme of over 40 events across Northern Ireland.