

ArtRole presents

An insight into current Iraq

Development of art, culture and education in Kurdistan-Iraq
A programme of talks by Anne Bean, Richard Wilson, Clare Charnley,
Susan Meiselas, Nancy Buchanan and Adalet R. Garmiany

This three-day programme of presentations offers a unique opportunity for audiences to hear the artists recounting their fascinating journey through Kurdistan-Iraq in November 2007, as part of ArtRole's exchange programme with Iraq. The artists will share their impressions and disclose plans for their new projects in the region. The talks will be followed by an open discussion between artists, organisers and audience.

American photographer Susan Meiselas will launch the 2nd edition of her book 'Kurdistan: in the Shadow of History', a compelling and exhaustive photo documentary on this region. The programme at Yorkshire Sculpture Park will be accompanied by a documentary on the artists' journey to Iraq, as well as an experimental music/sound event by Richard Wilson, Anne Bean, Adalet R. Garmiany and UK-based sound artist Chris Gladwin.

Toynbee Studios, London

Friday 16th May 2008, 7 - 9pm
in association with Artsadmin and the Live Art Development Agency
28 Commercial Street, London E1 6AB.
Due to limited capacity RSVP is essential to manick@artsadmin.co.uk
www.artsadmin.co.uk

Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield

Saturday 17th May 2008, 11am - 4pm
Yorkshire Sculpture Park
West Bretton, Wakefield, WF4 4LG
(Booking: 01924 832631 / helen.pheby@yosp.co.uk)
www.yosp.co.uk

Ferens Gallery, Hull

Sunday 18th May 2008, 1.30 - 3.30pm
The Ferens Gallery
Queen Victoria Square, Hull HU1 3RA
www.hullcc.gov.uk

The events are free and open to the public.

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