

Art Central  
Town Hall, King Square, Barry, CF63 4RW FREE ADMISSION Monday to Saturday  
10am – 4pm

### Artur Conka's 'Rarebit please!' opens 3<sup>rd</sup> Aril to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company is proud to announce a new exhibition of works by the artist Artur Conka. This exciting installation of specially commissioned work 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.



"Haluski Kapusta" cabbage dumplings © Artur Conka 2011

Artur Conka is a photography graduate from the University of Derby. One of the few Roma to have documented his community from behind the lens Conka's photography and film making focus on the plight of the Roma, Gypsies and Travellers in Europe. Originally from one of the poorest Roma communities in Slovakia, Conka returned years later to record how life had changed for its inhabitants during its decline. The result was his first documentary film 'Lunik IX'. Conka's work has appeared in various international publications including Huffington Post, The Independent and Vice Magazine and we look forward to presenting his original and innovative approach to filmmaking and photography in this new exhibition.

*'Working with the Romani Cultural and Arts Company has been a relationship to cherish. The RCAC gives a platform that so few do not, especially to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups. Its approach to tirelessly establishing ground breaking understanding about GRT communities has helped change people's lives.'* Artur Conka

*"The groundbreaking work of the Romani Cultural and Arts Company in supporting Gypsy, Roma and Traveller artists is unparalleled. The Gypsy Maker project is unique worldwide in commissioning new bodies of work by GRT artists thus enabling the production of significant new knowledge from an underrepresented group and making a valuable contribution to international contemporary art and cultural discourse."* Dr Daniel Baker

*"We are delighted to be working with the Romani Culture and Arts Company again at Art Central Gallery and are looking forward to hosting work by Artur Conka as part of the organisation's continuing 'Gypsy Maker Project'.* Tracey Harding Arts Development and Arts Central Gallery Manager

The Romani Cultural & Arts Company invites you to see the works and meet the artist at the opening of this new exhibition by Artur Conka.

