

News

Check out what's been going on this season at Deveron Arts

In Town

Town Collection

New pieces:

Bogie Bridge: Contraption of Roman Signer's *Transmissions from the River*
www.deveron-arts.com/town-collection/transmissions-from-the-river-2011

River Bogie: Alan MacPherson's *Minor Path*
www.deveron-arts.com/town-collection/minor-paths

Opportunities

Walking Programme Intern
 start Jan 2013

Shadow Curator Intern
 start April 2013

Project Intern
 start April 2013

Volunteers and short-term Interns
 any time

www.deveron-arts.com/opportunities

Minor Path

Alan Macpherson's *Rite of Way* project culminated in a reclaiming action of a path along the side of the River Bogie. Around 40 people joined him to walk in single file back and forth along the river side between Gladstone Road Park and Bogie Bridge until a path was formed. Help us keep it open by taking a walk along it too.
<http://minorpaths.wordpress.com>

before

after



People Talk

Hello

Shadow Curator Intern

Oct—March 2013
 Elisabetta Rattalino comes from the Cittadelarte - Fondazione Pistoletto

Project Intern

Oct—Dec 2012
 Rachel Walker studied Fine Art in Dundee and has a special interest in socially engaged art in the rural context

Welcome

Kate Sargent took up her post as Project Manager in October, leaving a career with the Bank of Scotland behind for a new challenge in socially engaged art in the rural Aberdeenshire countryside.



Our Visitors

16 MFA Students from Edinburgh College of Art with Neil Mulholland to work with us on *The Town is the Menu*

Chrissie Orr, Artist from Santa Fé
<http://www.elotroladoproject.org>

A delegation from the Institute of Northern Culture / University of the Arctic/Lapland to discuss future collaborations
<http://www.uarctic.org>

Haste ye back soon in Huntly soon!

Shop

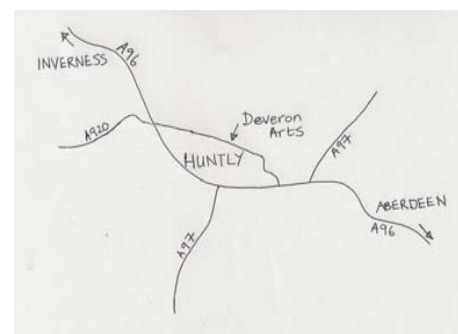
Roman Signer

Transmissions from the River/ Übertragungen aus dem Fluß
 Publication with text by Alice Bain
 in English and German
 £5

Room to Roam
 Enamel Cups red and blue
 £7



www.deveron-arts.com/shop



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Deveron Arts works with the context and identity of the town of Huntly in Aberdeenshire. Here, *the town is the venue*, research base, studio, gallery and stage for artists of all fields and from all over the world. Engaging local people and community in topics of both local + global concern, Deveron Arts works through a 50/50 motto, bringing together artistic and social relationships in a world wide network that extends throughout and beyond the geo-boundaries of Huntly.



The Town is the Menu

A new Signature Menu for Huntly

Autumn 2012

Menu under Construction

Simon Preston, gastro-artist and food consultant, has come to work with local people to unearth Huntly's food identity and create and adopt a signature menu for the town.

Simon has been out and about with his specially commissioned jigsaw table, spreading conviviality and swapping tasty treats for local stories about food and everything else. Working with local

and visiting chefs he will use these stories to inspire the menu. In the same way that Arbroath has its Smokies and Cullen has its Skink, Huntly will have its own Signature Menu that will celebrate its agricultural heritage and local taste buds and herald a gastronomic future.

The Menu will be launched on 1st of December at establishments across the town and at the Farmers Market.



Deveron Arts

Ceilidhamba: Nord-Este/North East

Mestre Allysson Velez's residency culminated in a Samba Parade at the Halloween Festival

Brazilian Beats

Coco is an African-influenced musical rhythm that originated in Brazil. It refers to the stomping style of dance performed to the music. The name comes from the Brazilian word "cabeça" (head), as song lyrics are often improvised. The music is commonly performed at traditional parties in the northeast, such as weekend street parties and Carnival. The characteristic sound of coco arises from four instruments: the ganzá, surdo, pandeiro, and triangle. Performers also often wear wooden clogs, the stomping adds a percussive element.

Maracatu is a term common to two distinct performance genres found in Pernambuco state in northeastern Brazil: maracatu de nação (nation-style maracatu) and maracatu rural. A third style, maracatu cearense, is found in Fortaleza, in the northeastern state of Ceará. Maracatu also designates the music style that accompanies these performances.

Samba is a dance and musical genre originating in Bahia with its roots in the West African slave trade and religious traditions. It is recognized as a symbol of the Brazilian Carnival and an icon of Brazilian national identity. The Bahian Samba de Roda (dance circle), which became a UNESCO Heritage of Humanity in 2005, is the main root of the samba carioca, the samba that is played and danced in Rio de Janeiro.

Ceilidhamba

Over the past few months we have worked with Mestre Allysson Velez from Recife in the North East



of Brazil. Allysson has been exploring cultural similarities and traditions of his home state of Pernambuco with those here in the North East of Scotland.

For his project *Nordeste:North East* Allysson has been working with us towards a performance at the Halloween/Samhain festival. Starting with a solo drumming performance from Allysson, dressed in a stag mask, he then led the embryonic North-East of Scotland Samba School round the square. Ceilidhamba creates a new space for socialising and community exchange by working with local musicians/artists and visiting samba mestres.

Allysson has also set up shop in his Casa das Ideias on Bogie Street, where he is working with local musicians of all genres towards the recording of the Ceilidhamba CD that will feature both Scottish traditional music and Brazilian beats of Samba, Marakatu and Coco. For this, Scottish musicians like Paul Anderson, Shona Donaldson and Donal Brown have been working with him as well as NE based Omar Afif with his Afro-Arabian rooted music.

During his time in Huntly Allysson also joined Huntly singer Keith Cockburn to work with children from the Gordon Schools and did several artist's talks about the music traditions in north east Brazil and its numerous different styles of rhythm, dance and carnival .

What's Next?

Walking off the Grid

From 24 Nov to 8 Dec Austrian artist Michael Höpfner will walk a 30 mile circuit around Huntly for 14 consecutive days. He will be outside all the time and stay overnight in his tent along the way.

Michael is interested in the perception of an unknown environment, the lives of people living within that landscape and the details of sites along the route. The project asks how to leave standardized images and a geographical laptop screen world behind, and exchange it with a geography drawn of personal stories and memories. This walk/absurd pilgrimage leads the hiker into an unknown land, meeting unknown people with a new experience of time. Every day he will negotiate with a different farm about a campsite for the night ahead. People are invited to join the walk and exchange ideas around the Huntly circuit. At the end of the walk, Michael will invite people he met en route for a joint dinner with images from the fortnight's round.

This will be the first one in a large series of events dealing with walking as art.

Nurturing

Zimbabwean photographer Nancy Mteki's project will focus on the delights and issues surrounding feeding and nutrition in maternity, particularly working with young mothers in the town. She will explore the bond between children and their mums and document the various forms of sociability across multiple-generation households. Nancy herself is a young mum and will bring her 3-year old daughter Kayla to Scotland. Mteki has made her name in the Zimbabwean art scene through her compositional photographic approach and the aesthetic research evidenced in a series of images taken in private settings. She has also frequently addressed gender issues in her work, notably the place of women in Zimbabwean society.

Nancy won the Deveron Arts residency prize at DAKAR Biennial. www.biennaledakar.org



The Town is the Menu



Menu Under Construction

Current artist in residence at Deveron Arts is Simon Preston - an Edinburgh resident who is living in Huntly until mid-December devising a new signature menu for our town. Simon is well known for creating imaginative food events and festivals around the country and this is his first visit to Aberdeenshire. So what's it all about? Simon says 'Cullen has it's Skink and Arbroath has it's Smokies but what are the foods that you should eat when you come to this place? We have the excellent Dean's and Rizza's, a thriving livestock mart and rolling fields of barley, but what do we want the food culture of Huntly to be?' Simon will be out and about around the town with his specially-made jigsaw table (pictured) gathering your stories of Huntly in exchange for edible treats made by chef Keira Allan at The Huntly Hotel. Your stories will be used to inspire the new dishes for Huntly, our 'Signature Menu', which will be launched on December 1st, in all kinds of restaurants, cafes and other eateries around town.



suppers. The portraits will be displayed in the Empty Shop and used to inspire the Signature Menu.

The Huntly Signature Menu Launch

Eateries around Huntly will join forces to launch the Signature Menu in December. Signature Street Food will be served at the Farmer's Market and the Signature Loaf will be revealed. Local shops and supermarkets will offer tastings and recipe cards. Check the website for details.

Signature Dishes elsewhere



Arbroath Smokies, Aberdeen Angus, Bakewell Tart, Baked Alaska, Black Forest Gateaux, Boeuf Bourguignon, Bombay Potato, Boston Bun, Bristol Cream, Champagne, Cheddar Cheese, Chelsea Bun, Cornish Pasties, Cumberland Sausage, Cullen Skink, Dijon Mustard, Dover Sole, Dundee Cake, Eccles Cake, Edinburgh Rock, Frankfurter Sausage, Highland Toffee, Irish Stew, Kalamata Olives, Kendal Mint Cake, Lancashire Hotpot, Liverpool Scouse, Marseille Bouillabaisse, Cornish Clotted Cream, Salade Nicoise, Paella Valenciana, Peking Duck, Somerset Cider, Stornoway Black Pudding, Welsh Rarebit, Viennese Coffee, Yorkshire Pudding, Turkish Delight, Ulster Fry, Worcestershire Sauce.

SIGNATURE MENU LAUNCH

Saturday 1 December 2012

Try and buy the new Huntly Signature Loaf and taste street food versions of the Signature Menu dishes at the Farmers Market

All Weekend

Book or just turn up to try dishes from the Signature Menu in restaurants, cafes, shops and supermarkets all over town and at the famous Huntly Coffee Morning

See website and local paper for details.

