

The Riverfront  
Kingsway, Newport NP20 1HG – FREE ADMISSIOM – Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm

**Artur Conka's 'Rarebit please!' opens 9<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 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

*'It is good to see another Newport exhibition by leading Roma artists. It is very important that we give local people the opportunity to appreciate the culture and lives of our minority and Gypsy/Roma/Traveller communities. This helps break down stereotypes and overcome lack of knowledge and understanding.'* John Griffiths AM

*'Gypsy Maker 2 is, for The Riverfront, and for Newport Live, a natural follow on to the progressive and creative work generated through the original Gypsy Maker project. We are excited at the prospect in engaging further with our local and regional audiences as well as showcasing the innovative work of both Artur Conka and Billy Kerry.'* Susannah Stonehouse, Riverfront Theatre & Arts Centre

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.

