

# Would you like to be a *Hidden Angel*?

Become an active supporter of a dramatic new art project. Join us on Thursday 16 June 6.00pm to 7.30pm to meet the artist and find out more.



## What is the *Hidden* project?

*Hidden* is an on-going project: a series of photographic tableaux by internationally acclaimed photographer and Rock Against Racism founder Red Saunders. Each photograph recreates a scene from the struggle for equality and democracy in Britain. Together the images present the 'hidden histories' of ordinary people who had extraordinary vision, driven to create better lives for their fellow citizens.

Each image, like the one above of the Peasants' Revolt of 1381, is painstakingly re-staged with models, actors, and props on location. It's just like making a film. Individual images are then digitally stitched together to create an epic photograph that can be printed up to six metres long.

## The new works

As part of *Ways of Looking*, a major new photography festival taking place in Bradford throughout October 2011, Impressions Gallery and The Culture Company have commissioned two new works inspired by real events in Yorkshire. The first is set in the Civil War period and will focus on an amazing early example of women's equality and activism, recreating a dusk campsite scene where a Quaker woman addresses a large crowd of seated soldiers, Levellers and dissenters. The second, inspired by the nationwide agricultural Swing Riots of 1830, will be a dramatic night scene where masked men emerge from river rushes ready take action.

These two new photographs will be exhibited alongside others featuring Wat Tyler and the Peasants Revolt; Tom Paine; William Cuffay and the Chartists; Mary Wollstonecraft; and John Ball, the Hedgerow Preacher, some of which have already been on display to great acclaim at the Museum of London.

## How can I get involved?

*Hidden* is a not for profit venture, so we're looking for 'angels', people and organisations who believe in the importance of art in today's society, that can help realise the project. Those that have already been inspired to support the project include London College of Fashion, and politician and *Hidden* patron Tony Benn.

You can help by offering discounts on goods or services like printing, catering and transport, or make a donation. Or you could help in practical terms, by offering costumes, equipment, your venue, maybe your acting/modelling skills or just help on the day of the shoot.

## What's in it for me or my organisation?

This is an opportunity for you to contribute to an exciting and unique event, to engender solidarity and do something substantial in a communal way. You'll be helping to create a lasting artwork that has contemporary relevance as well as being embedded in history, that in the words of Tony Benn will inspire people to 'gain confidence from the knowledge that they are part of a world-wide movement that has always existed and must be sustained'.

We'll thank organisational contributions with logos displayed in the exhibition at Impressions Gallery and in the *Ways of Looking* festival publicity, and everyone involved will be invited to the exhibition launch night and receive a small digital print, signed by Red, of the work they helped create.

## How can I find out more?

Come along to our Hidden Angels information evening at Impressions Gallery on Thursday 16 June from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Red Saunders will be here personally to talk about his work and show a special 'behind the scenes' film, and discuss how you can be involved.

Don't worry if you can't make the event - just contact us on 01274 737843 or email [angelasheard@impressions-gallery.com](mailto:angelasheard@impressions-gallery.com) we'll respond to any queries you might have.

## Can you help us spread the word?

Link to us on Twitter <http://twitter.com/impgalleryphoto> and Facebook <http://on.fb.me/j3o476>

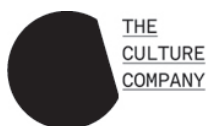
Share some of the videos documenting the project so far

The Peasants' Revolt <http://vimeo.com/12208769>

Mary Wollstonecraft <http://vimeo.com/19825935>

John Ball, the Hedgerow Preacher <http://vimeo.com/21150420>

**We hope you can join in – let's make 2011 memorable for something special.**



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