



CUBE CENTRE FOR THE URBAN BUILT ENVIRONMENT

PRESS RELEASE

## CUBEOpen 2011

Preview: 15<sup>th</sup> December 6 - 8pm

Exhibition continues: 16th December 2011 – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012



(Image © Ian Kirkpatrick)

**CUBEOpen 2011** is the UK's only annual open competition and exhibition of its kind!

Launched in 2007, artists, architects and designers are invited to apply with work that reflects current trends and debates surrounding the spaces and places in which we live. Each year the exhibition highlights contemporary insights into the urban environment. The CUBEOpen receives applications from around the globe and visitors to the exhibition will have the unique opportunity to see the diverse and engaging ways that artists, architects and designers have been influenced by our surroundings.

An esteemed panel of judges are invited annually to shortlist the applications. Selectors this year included: **Robert Powell - Creative Director, Beam Wakefield; Paul Herrmann - Director, Red Eye Photography Network; Jane Anderson - Creative Director, CUBE; Stephen Whittle - Collections Curator, University of Salford.** More than 30 artists have been chosen for this year's exhibition, pieces include a compactable TATE model (pictured), guerrilla artwork and interventions that lead you outside.

*"CUBE has consistently been the most interesting, dynamic, approachable and diverse creative space in Manchester; and the most influential independent gallery in the city centre. I was delighted to be on the judging panel for this year's competition."* **Paul Herrmann, Director of Redeye, the Photography Network.**

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**This year's overall winners** are Shift//Delete, emerging urban interventionists represented by Upper Space. The work of this Manchester-based collaboration orbits around central narratives of social, environmental and spatial justice issues and is often unauthorised and anonymously installed within the public realm.

**Commendations go to:** Ian Kirkpatrick and Kristin Posehn

### **Selected artists:**

Andrew Brown, Samuel Capps, Mark Clare, Justine Cook, Aideen Doran and Fionnuala Doran, Kelda Free and David Brazier, Becky Gee, Isabelle Hayeur, Flis Holland, Philip Kennedy, Seulki Ki, Ian Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Kwant, Hannah Leighton-Boyce, Manchester Modernist Society, Fabien Marques, , Katie McGown, Rosalie Monod de Froideville, Charlotte Mortensson, Lauren O'Grady, Simon Parish, Nathan Pendlebury, Kristin Posehn, Rosey Prince, Robin Pugh, Amanda Rice, Ailie Rutherford, Jennie Savage, Shift//Delete, Jon Spencer, Jenny Steele, Matthew Thompson, Tristan Thomson, Pamela Valfer, Mary-Ruth Walsh, Peter Ward, Jiho Won.

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### **CUBEOpen 2011 Exhibition**

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**Opening hours Mon-Fri 12-5.30pm Saturday 12-5pm Closed Sunday**

**ADMISSION FREE**

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**CUBEOpen submissions competition** is now in its fifth year, the competition attracts entries from around the globe. Artists, architects and designers are invited to submit work that responds to our theme of the urban built environment. The most outstanding project was awarded a summer residency in 2012 with **BEAM** at unique headquarters, The Orangery in Wakefield.

**CUBEOpen Winner:** Shift//Delete

**CUBEOpen Commendation:** Ian Kirkpatrick

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