

News release

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Stag Becomes Eagle A juneau/projects/ launch event

30 July 2005
3.00 – 5.00pm events throughout RSPB Aveley Marshes
5.00 – 7.00pm outdoor concert

Stag Becomes Eagle is an afternoon of live music and video presented by juneau/projects/ at RSRB Aveley Marshes, the largest remaining expanse of wetland bordering the upper reaches of the Thames estuary in Purfleet-on-Thames.

juneau/projects/ worked with local children to produce musical and photographic works that reflect Purfleet's location, where housing estates meet rural marshes. A makeshift portable recording studio was set up by juneau/projects/ within Purfleet's housing estates, at the Proof House and on the marsh itself. The participating children wrote and recorded songs, and made video and photographic images to accompany their music. Many of the children became regular visitors, each creating a substantial body of work.

To document the children's work juneau/projects/ have created a magazine and audio CD that highlights the songs and images produced throughout **Stag Becomes Eagle**. The publication will be launched at RSPB Aveley Marshes on 30 July, and given away free to all visitors to the event.

The launch will be accompanied by a trail of banners, sculptures and videos made during the course of the project. Visitors can also explore the marshes and learn more about the area's wildlife and environment. The project will culminate in a live outdoor concert by juneau/projects/ and some of the children that have participated in **Stag Becomes Eagle**.

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Commissioned by Thurrock Council as part of Arts Generate, **Stag Becomes Eagle** has been developed in collaboration with the RSPB and Commissions East.

juneau/projects are represented by fa projects, London

www.faprojects.com

Location

RSPB Aveley Marshes
New Tank Hill Road
Purfleet-on-Thames
Essex

Purfleet-on-Thames is 25 minutes by rail from Fenchurch Street, London. To arrange transport from Purfleet Station please contact Jenny Smith at Thurrock Council on jessmith@thurrock.gov.uk or 01375 652144.

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Editors notes:

1. About juneau/projects/

juneau/projects/, a collaborative partnership between artists Ben Sadler and Phil Duckworth, experiment with sound, music and lo-fi equipment. Interested in the proliferation of electronic goods in consumer culture, juneau/projects/ repeatedly pitch technology against nature or uncertain elements, de-valuing their equipment and advertising its disposability.

juneau/projects/ will be included in the British Art Show 2005, opening at Baltic, Gateshead in September. They have recently shown at PS1, New York, and have had solo exhibitions at fa projects and The Showroom, London. In 2006 they will have a solo exhibition at the Ikon Gallery, Birmingham. For further information on juneau/projects/ visit:

www.junearecords.co.uk

2. About the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is the UK charity working to secure a healthy environment for birds and wildlife, helping to create a better world for us all. For further information please visit www.rspb.org.uk/rainham

For more information on events and work done by the RSPB at Aveley Marshes and within the local community, contact Carlie Mayes at carlie.mayes@rspb.org.uk or 01708 892900.

3. About Commissions East

Commissions East is the visual arts development agency for the East of England, providing an advisory and management service for commissioners, a programme of special projects addressing new areas of visual arts practice and a range of services for artists.

4. About Thurrock Council

Thurrock Unitary Council was formed in the 1998 local government review. Thurrock is in Essex, on the River Thames and to the East of London.

5. About Arts Generate

Arts Generate is a strategic initiative which Arts Council England East is running across the East of England to support arts-led regeneration projects that are regionally distinctive, have high impact and provide a focal point for strategies that aim to make a difference. Thurrock is one of the main centres in the region participating in the project.

6. About Arts Council England

Arts Council England is the national development agency for the arts. Between 2003-06 it will invest £2 billion of public funds in the arts in England, including funding from the National Lottery.