

PRESS RELEASE

Ben Rivers: *Slow Action*

20 November – 18 December 2009

Preview 19 November 6 – 8pm

A new work, *Slow Action* stems from Ben Rivers' investigation into islands and his interest in Charles Darwin and the field of island biogeography and considers the possible future Utopias evolving on isolated islands.

Ben Rivers travelled to Lanzarote, Japan and Tuvalu to film the islands' unique landscape; *Slow Action* uses multiple screens to show 16mm cinemascope footage of islands combined with animation. An accompanying spoken text has been written in collaboration with Mark von Schlegell.

The films of Ben Rivers are rich, cinematic portraits that explore wilderness environments and self-contained worlds. Born in Somerset, Ben Rivers lives and works in London. He has exhibited at many international film festivals and galleries, and won numerous awards, most recently Tiger Award for Short Film, IFF Rotterdam 2008 and Best Film, EXiS, Seoul 2008. He has been the recipient of a number of commissions, including a London Artist's Film and Video Award.

Slow Action, (2010) has been commissioned by Picture This and Animate Projects. Supported by Bristol City Council, Arts Council England, Daiwa Japan Foundation and the British Council.



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Exhibitions are open

Thursday – Saturday 12 - 5.30pm
Admission free

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All admission free

Workshop: *Unravel* - The Longest Hand Painted Film in Britain

Saturday 20 November
Workshop 12 - 4.30pm
Screening 5pm
FREE
Drop in
All ages welcome (parental supervision for children).

Alongside Ben Rivers exhibition and to coincide with Bristol's annual Encounters Film Festival we are hosting a workshop focusing on 16mm film. This unique project – one in a series of 16mm workshops taking place across the country, aims to amass an epic hand painted 16mm film the length of Britain and over sixteen hours long. Participants are invited to mark and paint the 16mm film. The process will be documented and accompanied by a film that records the places and people who take part.

About Picture This

Picture This develop artists' film and video through commissions and exhibitions. Our resources are used by artists and arts organisations, and our events, exhibitions and publications contextualise projects within current developments in contemporary art.

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