

HULL, THROUGH MY LENS

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**You can leave Hull, but Hull never leaves you.
I know because I was born and grew up here.
I got my first break here.**

It was the 1980s, I was unemployed, so I decided to start Frontier Films, working from Northumberland Avenue Arts Centre. My first films were community-based documentaries about local issues; a film about the pea factory workers earned me a place at the National Film School.

Since then I've spent a lot of time in Iraq and Syria, making films that celebrate people and the strength of humanity over adversity.

Hull is often misunderstood and misrepresented, so it's important for me to make work that is personal, honest and truthful.

The Hull I grew up in is changing. We are at a crossroads, a time of positive change. I want next year to not only celebrate our shared past, but show how our heritage has given us a unique identity, vision and strength with which we can look to the future.

I was delighted to be asked to lead the creative team for the opening event of UK City of Culture 2017. This is a very special moment in the history of Hull and I'm proud to be part of it.



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OPENING EVENT: MADE IN HULL

**A CELEBRATION OF OUR CITY,
IN PICTURES ON BUILDINGS
CURATED BY SEAN MCALLISTER.**

**See the city like you've never seen it before.
Join us on a spectacular trail where the streets
speak and buildings tell stories.**

Our opening event, to which everyone is invited, will use large-scale projection on buildings, illuminated skylines, soundscapes, shop windows and live performance to celebrate the last 70 years of life in the city.

Staged across the city centre, Made In Hull tells the story of our city in surprising and stunning ways through a series of commissions by local and international artists. From the devastation of the second world war, through the good times and the hard times, this is an exploration of Hull's characters at work and play.

Take the trail for an hour, spend the whole evening, or come back for more.

This is our story.

1-7 Jan

Hull City Centre

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INSTALLATION

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