# World Event Young Artists: 1000 Artists Coming to Nottingham

World Event Young Artists 2012 is the first event of its kind. In September 2012 it will showcase some of the best creative talent from across the globe, bringing 1,000 artists aged 18 to 30 together in one city – Nottingham – for a festival programme that will stretch across artforms, from live music to dance performances, theatrical installations to spoken word, film to visual arts exhibitions and gastronomic events.



#### The Art Festival

World Event Young Artists, hosted by UK Young Artists, will be a finale to the 2012 Cultural Olympiad and builds on the success of the Biennale of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean (BJCEM). WEYA's key partners are Arts Council England East Midlands, Cultural Olympiad East Midlands, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham Trent University.

The event will celebrate the creativity of young artists in a line-up of internationally regarded cultural venues and alternative spaces across the city for ten days (7th – 16th September 2012) including Broadway, Lakeside, New Art Exchange, Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham

Playhouse, Nottingham Trent University, The Royal Centre and Wollaton Hall, as well as a large number of independent galleries, artist run spaces, music venues and alternative sites all over the city.

Local, regional, national and international audiences will enjoy and engage with a high-profile and accessible programme of exhibitions, installations, performances, and events by young artists which promote intercultural dialogue and collaboration.



## **Nottingham**

Nottingham has been being touted as one of the Top 10 Cities to Visit in 2010, alongside Delhi, Tel Aviv and Reykjavik, by DK Travel.

Over the past ten years Nottingham has demonstrated increased ambition for the arts on a local, national and international level, most recently with the universally acclaimed launch of Nottingham Contemporary and New Art Exchange.

Nottingham is one of the UK's most important cities; the capital of the East Midlands. With two internationally renowned universities, with over 60,000 students between them, the city draws students and visitors from around the world who contribute to the city's youthfulness, creativity and diversity.

As the home of Robin Hood, Nottingham is steeped in culture and heritage. The city boasts a thriving art scene, including galleries at Nottingham Castle, Brewhouse Yard and Wollaton Hall. Each year Nottingham hosts new exhibitions and a range of events, attracting hundreds of thousands of people.



# The region – East Midlands

The region benefits from a wide number of areas of cultural and heritage interest. These include the historic city of Lincoln with its medieval cathedral and castle, and distinctive Georgian and Tudor architecture, the Peak District National Park, Rutland Water, 10 national nature reserves, four producing theatres, and more than 50 museums as well as national attractions such as the National Space Centre in Leicester. The region also boasts the Derwent Valley world heritage site, 1500 scheduled monuments; nearly 1000 grade 1 listed buildings, 135 parks and gardens and over 1000 conservation areas. Moreover, all of these assets are made available to international visitors by the East Midlands Airport.

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