

Giant air-filled sculpture to fly at Bath's Forest of Imagination

2017 event features project by celebrated artist Tomas Saraceno

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SUMMARY

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Saraceno has confirmed that the event, which takes place from 30 June – 2 July, will be loaned an Aerocene Explorer by the charity he co-founded, the Aerocene Foundation. This eye-catching, airborne artwork comprises a giant, 3D triangle-shaped pocket of fabric that can travel through the air without the need for fuel.

Visitors to Forest of Imagination will have the chance to see The Aerocene Explorer in flight every day at this year's event, subject to weather conditions. The 2017 event is based in the ancient meadowland of Bushey Norwood, part of The National Trust's Skyline Walk and close to The Edge arts building at the University of Bath.

The Aerocene Foundation aims to re-imagine how humans might work in harmony with the earth's natural energy currents. Aerocene Explorers are able to remain buoyant due to the combined forces of the sun's heat and infrared radiation from the earth's surface. No other energy sources are required. Explorers have been flown at numerous locations around the world, including the Antarctic, to gather atmospheric data, take aerial photos and videos using non-intrusive methods.

The Aerocene Explorer is one of several inspiring and participatory works to be shown at 2017's Forest of Imagination. Other works include a soundscape entitled 'I am an Insect' by Martyn Ware of Illustrious; a 'Ring of Giant Acorns' sculpture by Grant Associates and Herman Miller; and a Virtual Reality experience called 'The Giant Tiny Ant Quest' by artist Anthony Head with Bristol Zoo.

This is the fourth year that Forest of Imagination will be staged in Bath, and follows its most successful event to date, in 2016, after attracting an estimated 10,000+ visitors to its fantastical

forests, outdoor galleries and creative workshops in and around Bath Abbey.

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RELEVANT LINKS



<http://www.forestofimagination.org.uk/>



<http://aerocene.org/#home-section>



<http://grant-associates.uk.com/>

QUOTES

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ABOUT FOREST OF IMAGINATION

Forest of Imagination is a four-day participatory, contemporary arts event and creative learning programme for all ages. From **Friday 3 June – Monday 6 June 2016** the spaces around Bath Abbey will be radically transformed into an innovative and inspiring place for contemporary creativity and intuitive play, providing an immersive experience for all.



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