



## SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

### RWA PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS and LAB

28 January – 1 May 2023

*Two photography exhibitions, alongside an exhibition of historic work and opportunities for children (and adults) to get experimental*



*Jem Southam, A Bend in the River*

#### **RWA PHOTOGRAPHY OPEN EXHIBITION**

As part of a major citywide Festival of Photography due to take place across Bristol in 2023, the RWA presents an open submission photography exhibition from both amateur and professional photographers, selected by experts, that will fill our main galleries.

From camera obscuras dating back to ancient China to the breakthrough in capturing images with early pinhole photography paving the way for future generations, few artistic mediums have undergone such dramatic transformation. Now in the digital age, photography has become one of the most democratic forms of artistic and personal expression.

#### **JEM SOUTHAM : A BEND IN THE RIVER**

Alongside the *Photography Open Exhibition* the RWA presents a special exhibition by leading Bristol-born photographer Jem Southam. Southam is known for his diligently observed landscape photography documenting subtle changes in an environment over time, often photographing his surroundings in the South West of England.

Historic interspersed across Southam's photographs is a curated selection of artworks that have inspired him and complement his practice. For example, pieces by artists such as John Constable, JMW Turner, John Ruskin and Samuel Palmer. Illustrators of popular natural history books and artists who worked for publications such as *Ladybird* and *Shell* - inspiring a generation - such as Peter Scott, C.F Tunnicliffe, John Leigh Pemberton and Maurice Wilson as well as ornithological drawings and artefacts will also be shown. This aspect will bring into the exhibition a kind of poetic, skilful, atmospheric art which tends to be left out of the British canon.

#### **THE PHOTO LAB**

Using our new Family Room, and other spaces, Photo Lab will be designed to encourage interaction and participation, welcoming all ages and abilities – children and accompanying adults - to come inside: investigate, discuss, test, create and play with photography.

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**Exhibition Exclusive Sponsorship from £6,000 (exc vat)**

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