

RIAS ANNOUNCES THE WORLD PREMIERE OF ARTISTS' FILM

THE WINDMILLS OF INNERLEITHEN

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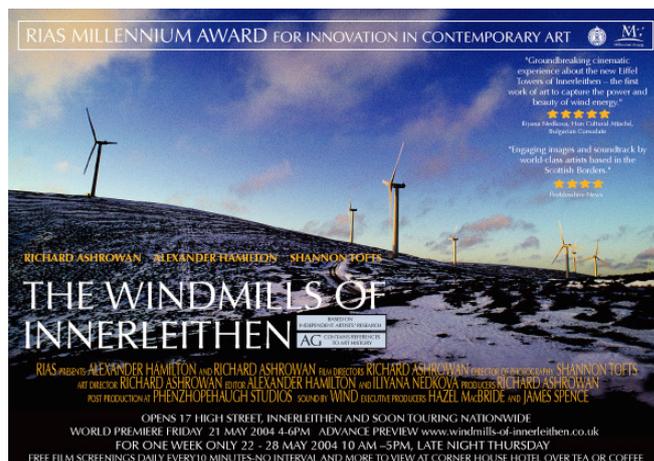
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INNERLEITHEN

Following into the footsteps of Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott who gave Innerleithen's healing waters wide recognition through their writings in 1780s, award-winning Scottish artists **Richard Ashrowan, Alexander Hamilton and Shannon Tofts** have re-discovered the small Scottish Borders town through their new film. Once a café on the High Street, now a temporary micro cinema will host the world premiere of ***The Windmills of Innerleithen***. The film opens on Friday, 21 May 2004 and runs for one week only before touring nationwide.

Sharing a fascination about wind farms and a passion for innovation, the artists 'auditioned' the wind turbines of Innerleithen as the main characters and the wind as the lead composer of the score in their film. More than a creative documentary ***The Windmills of Innerleithen*** is designed for an immersive cinematic environment with looped, multi-channel projections on 3 walls and surround sound. The hypnotic rhythm of the turbine blades forms a duet with the Aeolian wind harps of guest musician **Roger Winfield** – a duo revealing the invisible power of the wind.

Based on independent artists' research, ***The Windmills of Innerleithen*** is an homage to the grandfathers of conceptual art (Marcel Duchamp); the pioneers of public art (Robert Smithson and Tony Smith); the legends of sound and video art (Hugh Davies and Bill Viola). Awe-inspiring, the film challenges our perception of public space, the trajectories of energy today and the ever-changing Scottish landscape.



"The artists have created a groundbreaking cinematic experience about the new Eiffel Towers of Innerleithen", says Iliyana Nedkova, one of the film producers and also Honorary Cultural Attaché at the Bulgarian Consulate in Scotland.
"This is the first work of art to capture the power and beauty of wind energy"

WORLD PREMIERE

4 - 6pm, Friday, 21 May 2004

17 High Street, Innerleithen, Scottish Borders and soon touring nationwide

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY 22 - 28 May 2004 Daily 10am – 5pm Late night Thursday

FREE FILM SCREENINGS daily every 10 minutes with no interval and photography to view at nearby Corner House Hotel Innerleithen over tea or coffee

SPECIAL MINICOACH TRIP to the Bowbeat Hill – the site, which inspired the artists to create the film. To book a free ticket visit 17 High Street showing the artists' film daily 22 - 28 May 2004 10am - 5pm. Pre-booking essential due to limited seating. Date of minicoach trip to be determined.

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www.windmills-of-innerleithen.co.uk

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