

SITE GALLERY

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COMING UP AT SITE GALLERY IN 2021



- **Playground, Children's Media Conference: 1-11 July**
Press Private View: Friday 2 July
- **Platform: 27 July – 22 August**
Press Preview: Monday 26 July
- **Websites*, Rafaël Rozendaal: opening 23 September**
Press Preview: Thursday 23 September

Sheffield's contemporary art space Site Gallery is back open to the public. Their next exhibition is *Playground* which will run from 1-11 July. *Playground* is an interactive digital exhibition for children and families, part of the [Children's Media Conference](#). From 25 July, Site, along with [Yorkshire Artspace](#) and [Bloc Projects](#), will present the latest edition of Platform, a work-in-progress show for 5 Sheffield-based artists in residence funded through the [Freelands Artist Programme](#).

Later in the year on 23 September, Site will open major exhibition *Websites* from Dutch-Brazilian digital artist Rafaël Rozendaal.



Image: Playground

PLAYGROUND

1-11 JULY

Tickets

Press Preview: Friday 2 July

On Friday 2 July, The Children's Media Conference (CMC) and Site Gallery invite reviewers from local and national press to a private tour of the Playground exhibition from a member of the CMC team.

Please email Rosie on rosie.thompson@sitegallery.org if you plan to attend.

About *Playground*:

Part of The Children's Media Conference, *Playground*, is a ground-breaking interactive digital art exhibition for children and families. Taking place at Site from 1-11 July, the exhibition will focus on the theme of 'What If?'

Established in 2016, *Playground* is a 10-day exhibition where children can imagine, investigate, create art, and have fun. This year's exhibition will feature the internationally acclaimed character design studio TADO and Sheffield artist Kisha Bradley, who has teamed up with Wybourn School to produce a collaborative cutting-edge Augmented Reality (AR) project for the exhibition made entirely by children.

Additionally, national and international artists at this year's *Playground* include Julian Glander, Guillamit, House House, Tj Hughes, Will Hurt, Matthew Keff, Kinetic Landscape Collective, Sas and Yosh, Studio Pointer*, and Ustwo Games.

Families will have the opportunity to use their smartphones to find animated characters, which have been dotted around various locations in Sheffield by TADO. This is a brand-new interactive commission for *Playground 2021*.

The 'Playground' exhibition is suitable for 5–12-year-olds but everyone is welcome free of charge. In the light of Covid-safety protocols and capacity limits, prior booking is essential. Children with sensory requirements can also visit during The Quiet Hour sessions on 3 and 10 July, from 11am-12pm.

PLATFORM

27 JULY – 22 AUGUST

Tickets coming soon

Platform features work from five Sheffield based artists; James Clarkson, Maud Haya-Baviera, Victoria Lucas, Conor Rogers and Joanna Whittle, and presents a fascinating insight into the artists' work-in-progress developed during their two-year residency with Sheffield's visual arts organisations.

Platform is an established artistic development programme at Site Gallery which allows artists to explore new ideas in a public space, testing new thinking and research with engaged audiences. The exhibition will be presented at Site Gallery, Yorkshire Artspace and Bloc Projects.

These artists began their residencies in 2019 and are five of twenty from the Sheffield City Region, taking part in a rolling five-year initiative funded through the [Freelands Artists Programme](#). Each artist receives a two-year paid residency which includes investment in professional development, production as well as opportunities to exhibit.

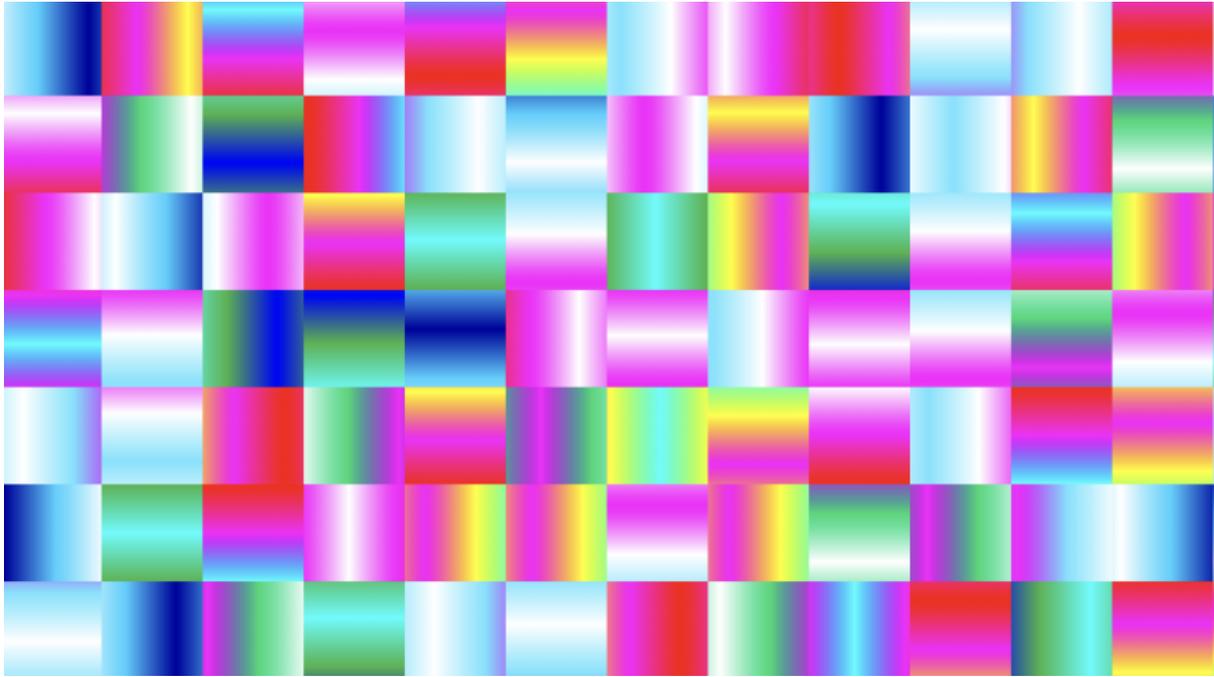


Image: Permanent Distraction, Rafaël Rozendaal 2020

RAFAEL ROZENDAAL: WEBSITES

OPENING 23 SEPTEMBER

Site Gallery's new major solo exhibition from artist Rafaël Rozendaal will open on 23 September. The exhibition will present the most extensive installation of his [Websites](#) series in a new immersive environment.

Rafaël Rozendaal is a Dutch-Brazilian visual artist who uses the internet as his canvas. His websites attract 40 million visits per year. He also creates installations, tapestries, lenticulars, haiku, lectures, and a podcast.

He's exhibited in Times Square, and Centre Pompidou, Valencia Biennial, Casa Franca Brasil Rio, TSCA Gallery Tokyo, Seoul Art Square and Stedelijk Museum amongst others.

In the run up to the exhibition, Site Gallery are presenting a number of Rafaël Rozendaal's online works on their website. [View here.](#)

More information on *Websites* coming soon.



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OPENING TIMES

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am–6pm
Wednesday	10am–6pm
Thursday	10am–6pm
Friday	10am–6pm
Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	10am–4pm

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ABOUT SITE GALLERY

Site Gallery is Sheffield's contemporary art space specialising in new media, moving image and performance. Pioneering emerging art practices and ideas, Site works in partnership with local, regional and international collaborators to nurture artistic talent and support the development of contemporary art.

Site Gallery is an Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation with revenue funding from Sheffield City Council.

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