

Traveller History Month . 2nd Gypsy Roma



Roma Gypsy

Survival Strategies

Exhibitions and
International Seminar
Hosted by the partners
of EU-Roma

22nd to 25th

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EU-Roma Events

Monday 22nd June

London College of Fashion

5:00pm

Public lecture by **Ioana Szeman** /
Lecturer of Drama, Theatre
and Performance Studies at
Roehampton University

6:00pm

Video Performance by **Lucy Orta** /
Professor of Art, Fashion and
the Environment London College
of Fashion

Tuesday 23rd June

London College of Fashion

Rootstein Hopkins Space East

11:00am – 7:00pm

International seminar /
Roma Gypsy Survival Strategies

Wednesday 24th June

Autograph ABP

6:30pm - 8:30pm

EU-Roma project screening

Thursday 25th June

**RIBA, Royal Institute of
British Architects**

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Finissage of the exhibition
EU-Roma Dwelling / Gallery 2

Peckham Settlement

4:30pm – 7:30pm

Launch of the publication
'Pavee Widden' by photographer
Eva Sajovic

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We are delighted to invite you to a series of events to coincide with the **2nd Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month** hosted by the partners of EU-Roma and the Centre for Sustainable Fashion, London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London

Curated by Lucy Orta
Assisted by Camilla Palestra

Monday 22nd June

**London College of Fashion
Rootstein Hopkins Space - West**

5:00pm –

Performing the “Authentic Gypsy”:
Romani Musicians and Dancers on Local
and Global Stages

Public lecture by **Ioana Szeman**

Ioana is a performance studies scholar and an ethnographer and a Senior lecturer of Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies at Roehampton University. She is completing a book based on fieldwork carried out over a ten-year period: “Stages of Erasure: Performing Romani Culture and Gypsiness in and out of Post-communist Romania,” where she discusses the circulation of Romani and “Gypsy” cultural products and performances in their multiple iterations across the national, EU and global landscapes. Her presentation will focus on Romani bands from Romania famous in the West, Taraf de Haidouks and Fanfare Ciocarlia, deejays playing music from the Balkans under the brand of “Gypsy music,” and a local dance group from Transylvania.

(No bookings, first come first served basis)

6:00pm –
Wandering

Video projection by **Lucy Orta**.
Artist and Professor of Art, Fashion and
the Environment London College
of Fashion

A new large screen video artwork by Lucy Orta created in collaboration with musician Gundula Gruen, founder of Magic Violin and composer for the London Gypsy Orchestra, and dancer Simona Jovic

Tuesday 23rd June
London College of Fashion
Rootstein Hopkins Space - East

International Seminar

11:45am

Opening conference address by
Dilys Williams, Director of Centre
for Sustainable Fashion and
Lucy Orta, Professor of Art Fashion
and the Environment

12:00pm

Alex Valentino, Co-ordinator
EU-Roma, LAN Italy: Introduction to EU-
Roma, an open confrontation on Roma
housing issues and public space

Traditions, History and Politics

Chaired by **Jake Bowers**, Romany
broadcaster & journalist

12:15pm

Thomas Acton, Professor of Romani
Studies, University of Greenwich, UK

12:45pm

Vasile Ionescu, Writer and
anthropologist, Romania

1:15pm

Hon. Ian Hancock, Member of the
International Roma Parliament;
Director of The Romani Archives and
Documentation Center University of
Texas, USA

1:45pm – 2:30pm

Lunch

2:30pm

Delia Grigore, Writer, philologist,
academic and Romani rights
activist, Romania

3:00pm

Florin Botonogu, Leader of Bucharest-
based NGO, Romania

Booking required

www.fashion.arts.ac.uk/events/booking.php

3:30pm

Rocky Deans, Department for
Children Schools and Family with
School Improvement Service - Brent
Local Authority

Romani culture: Art and Identity

Chaired by **Gabi Scardi**, curator in
contemporary art

4:00pm

Tea break

Maria Papadimitriou, Artist and
Associate Prof. Dept of Architecture,
Thessaly University, Greece

5:00pm

Eva Sajovic, Photographer, UK

5:30pm

Gillian Lambert, Voluntary Design
& Build, UK

6:00pm

Sue Konu & David Knight,
Project 35 Architects UK

6:30pm

Pietro Nunziante, LAN (Nomadic
Architecture Laboratory), Italy

7:00pm

Catalin Berescu, ATU (Association for
Urban Transition), Romania

7:30pm

Round up **Lucy Orta** followed
by drinks in the gallery

Wednesday 24th June

Autograph ABP

Film Screening

6:30pm – 8:30pm

EU-Roma Mapping

A film screening of experimental mapping projects conducted with Roma communities across Europe. This screening is part of a weeklong series of seminars, performances and workshops, which investigate the Roma culture from the perspectives of the arts, architecture, humanities, sociology and human rights. An intercultural and interdisciplinary dialogue to build together a better understanding of Romani culture and traditions.

This screening and networking opportunity is free of charge, but booking is required.

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Autograph ABP
Rivington Place
London EC2A 3BA
(Old Street tube)

www.autograph-abp.co.uk

Thursday 25th June
**RIBA, Royal Institute of
British Architects**

Finissage

12:00pm – 2:00pm
EU-Roma Dwelling

An exhibition focusing on Europe's fastest growing ethnic minority, the Roma, a unique opportunity to view a series of experimental projects conducted in Roma communities across Europe. The exhibition presents previously unpublished visuals of Roma architecture, temporary settlements, and the materials and construction techniques of dwellings in Italy, Serbia, Romania, UK and Greece.

Exhibition runs from 1st to 29th June 2009

Mon - Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm
Except Tues 10.00am – 9:00pm

Peckham Settlement

4:30pm – 7:30pm

Launch of Pavee Widden, a project publication by photographer **Eva Sajovic** developed in collaboration with STAG, STESS, CIDU

Peckham Settlement
Goldsmith road
London SE15 5TF

Booking not required

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Gallery 2
66, Portland Place
London, W1B 1AD
(Oxford Circus tube)

<http://www.architecture.com/WhatsOn/Exhibitions/At66PortlandPlace/2009/Summer/EU-ROMA.aspx>

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