

Traveller History Month . 2<sup>nd</sup> Gypsy Roma



Roma Gypsy

Survival Strategies

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

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

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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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22nd – 25th June 2009

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

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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](http://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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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*

RIBA  **Trust**

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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