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Students to host exclusive print auction

5-9pm Thursday 20 March 2014

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Students are set to boost funding for their final year degree show this month in an innovative auction-style event on Thursday 20 March.

A collection of works from both Southampton Solent University students studying on the BA (Hons) Photography course, as well as renowned artists, will be put up for sale on campus.

The valuable funds raised will help support the students' final year degree shows due to be hosted in Southampton and at Printsplace in London later in the year.

Students featured include Rebecca Sharplin-Hughes who documents the cold war remains of Greenham Common in Berkshire. She presents images shot using ex-military stock film now discontinued by Kodak.

James Robinson's work was taken along the Dorset coast, an area rich in WWII infrastructure. He documents the military firing ranges and adds historical reference with the addition of poems written on the front line during the war.

Several contemporary artworks have also been kindly donated by professional artists to assist the fundraising too. Richard Billingham, a former Turner Prize winner, has donated a signed book. Christopher King has contributed a piece from his residency at the Tower of London where he was granted unprecedented access to areas which are normally out of bounds.

Accompanying the donated works will be limited edition postcard prints of work by final year students and Pentaprism paper, a student lead publishing initiative.

Organiser and third year photography student Chris Lanaway said: "Students have worked together to organise this event to raise money for our final degree that's being held at a fantastic exhibition space in London.

"The fundraising hopes to cover the cost of the exhibition and producing the catalogue."

Stephen Brigdale, Senior Lecturer in Media and Visual Arts added: "The photography auction has been a great event to support the BA (Hons) Photography degree show and some really noteworthy photography has been auctioned in the past at affordable prices.

"This all makes the event accessible and fun giving our students the experience of managing a professional photography event onsite."

The collection is available for preview before the auction between 10am-5pm 17-20 March at the auction venue.

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About Southampton Solent University

Southampton Solent University offers more than 23,000 students over 200 qualifications ranging from HND to PhD, in subjects such as maritime education and training, fashion and design, media and television, music, health, sport and leisure, business, IT and technology. The university was

awarded the 2013 Quality Assurance kitemark for quality and standards of teaching and learning. Solent was voted one of the most creative universities in the UK in a Which? University 2013 poll of students. It has been awarded 'Gold approval' by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).