

LIGHT YEARS PROJECTS

Funding announcement, January 2010

Light Years Projects are pleased to announce that they have been selected for an Arts Council England 'Grants for the Arts' award.

The funding award has been received as part of a £22,000 project to develop a major new national digital art work by Light Years Projects. The artistic partnership co-founded by Anthony Head and Jeremy Gardiner will be using a significant part of this funding to build a number of strategic partnerships with leading organisations in the run up to the Olympics in 2012.

Light Years Projects are an artistic partnership that creates 3D immersive virtual environments inspired by the evolving and changing landscape of Britain in the 21st Century. The digital artworks are created using the paintings of Jeremy Gardiner and engage with new technology in a way that opens up a dialogue with diverse audiences. The work creates a platform from which to highlight the environmental impact of climate change that has, over time, eroded the natural environment that surrounds us.

Using cutting edge 3D technology normally associated with computer games or CGI films Light Years Projects are creating innovative digital art that is aesthetically beautiful yet interactive and responsive in real time. The work lends itself to being viewed in either 2D as a projection or as a fully 3D experience.

Current work being developed by Light Years Projects has focused on The Jurassic Coast in Dorset a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which by definition is an area that must be of "outstanding universal value". The resulting work *Light Years: Jurassic Coast* will be shown at the Poole Light House Gallery during June 2010 as part of the preliminary stages of this larger project.

Light Years Projects was established in 2001 and have been exhibited widely nationally and internationally. www.lightyearsprojects.org

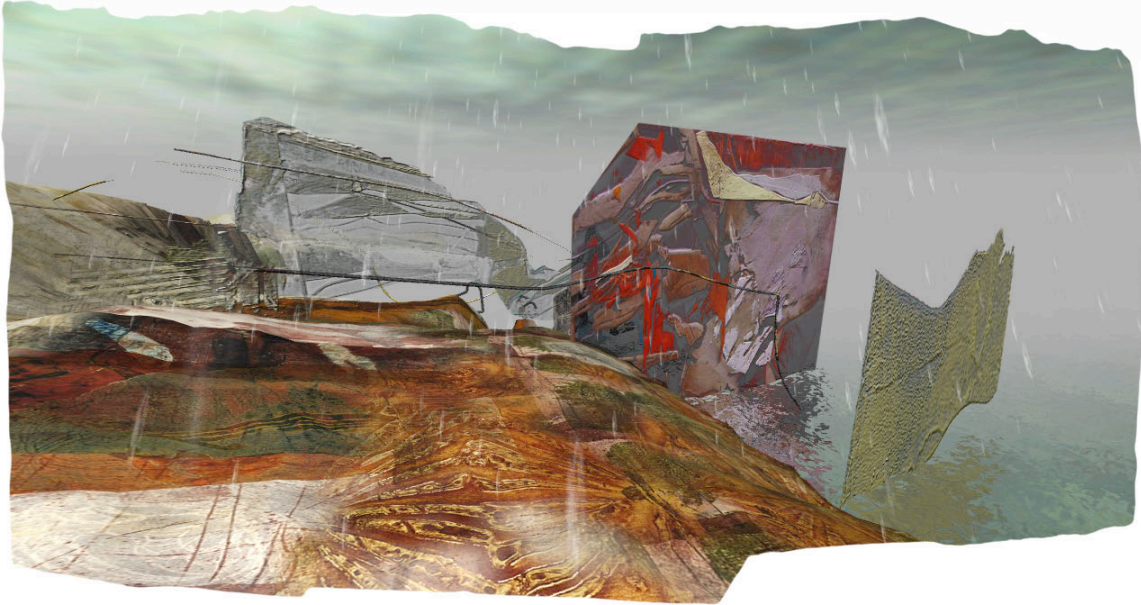
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