



Skies

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Leisure and Culture invites you and a guest to a special viewing of the above exhibition.

This is also an opportunity to view *Sampling II*: a spotlight on the Castle's contemporary textile collection alongside new work by designer Maggie Bushby (shown in association with The Nottingham Trent University School of Art & Design).

Saturday 16 May, 5 - 7pm

UP AND AWAY!

Help us launch balloon clouds throughout the evening. Please bring this card with you for a complimentary drink for you and your guest.

Nottingham Castle

Off Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6EL
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Exhibition open from Saturday 9 May - Sunday 12 July 2009
Gallery open daily, 10am - 5pm

Responding to our British inclination for weather-watching and star-gazing, *Skies* brings together historical and contemporary views of the sky - clouds and rainbows, rain and shine, night and day - explored by artists through drawing, painting, photography and film. Representational studies of weather and cloud formations combine with works that hint at the impact of pollution, or tap in to our emotional response to the sky and the forces of nature.

Skies combines work from the past two centuries by artists such as David Cox, Henry Dawson, Harold and Laura Knight, Charles Nevinson, William Nicholson and Alfred Stieglitz, with contemporary art by Charbel Ackermann, Roger Ackling, Fay Claridge, Russell Crotty, Nicky Coutts, Ori Gersht, Elizabeth Magill, Julian Opie and John Riddy. Together they bring in to focus an important aspect of visiting Nottingham Castle: a growing sense of expanding sky as visitors climb up to the building and look out across the city.

Related event: GO FLY A KITE!

Sunday 12 July, 1.30 - 4pm (drop-in)
Kite-making event to celebrate *National Children's Art Day*.
Usual site admission charges apply; call 0115 915 3651 for further details.