



## **Stroud International Textile Festival 30 April – 22 May 2011** **Textile Trail – Open Studios. May 7th & 8th**

Following the huge success of last year's Textile Trail Open Studios the festival welcomes them back but with more artist's opening their studios for the public to visit.

The Gloucestershire market town of Stroud has attracted and inspired artists for more than a century - from Victorian designer William Morris to twenty first century crafts people such as Malcolm Martin & Gaynor Dowling

Over the weekend of Saturday May 7 and Sunday May 8 textile based artists open the doors of their inspiring studios to exhibit and sell their work. From garden sheds to studios in private houses, the artists exhibiting stretch from established world class artists to emerging new talent.

This is a unique opportunity to see the work at close hand, to meet and talk to the artists and buy direct. Many offer tea and cakes and you can sit and enjoy their gardens as well.

Some of the artists opening their studio doors include Matthew Harris – textile fine art; Tim Parry Williams – woven textiles; Nick Ozanne – hand woven textiles; Dorothy Reglar – hand made hand spun silk clothing; there are artists working in felt, printed textiles, knitted textiles.

This year the festival has the talented photographer, Alexander Caminada, taking the images of the artists and the studio interiors to go in the Textile Trail brochure. Alexander's work can also be seen in a festival exhibition in the new Ecotricity building in Russell Street, Stroud.

The International Textile Festival is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and is the largest festival in the town attracting visitors from all over the UK and increasingly from Europe who come to this vibrant and exciting town. The Textile Trail is a fantastic opportunity for maker to promote their work and meet the public who enjoy and buy their work.

For details and images on the artists opening their studio doors pick up a free brochure out in mid March. Check out website [www.stroudinternationaltextiles.org.uk](http://www.stroudinternationaltextiles.org.uk)

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