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Stroud International Textile Festival 30 April – 22 May 2011

**Textile Festival Opening – 30 April 7 – 9 pm
Museum in the Park Stratford Park Stroud GL5 4AF**

The International Textile Festival will be launched this year on the 30 April 7 pm – 9pm at the Museum in the Park Stratford Park Stroud.

The festival will be officially opened by Chris Pockett, who is head of communications and community affairs for **Renishaw**, Gloucestershire's largest business employer, which has some 1,500 people located at its sites in Wotton-under-Edge, Stonehouse and Woodchester.

The festival is delighted to have **Renishaw** as a sponsor of one of the major events within the festival. A day of talks on Sunday May 8th called 'Off the Loom'. Five world class inspiring artists who are all forging new ground within fashion, science, furnishings and art spheres will present and discuss their work.

Chris Pockett will be introduced by the festival Patron, Mary La Trobe Bateman OBE.

At 8 pm Studio Seven Textile artists will premier their new production 'the *Weave experiment*' in the courtyard of the Museum.

During the evening the invited guests will enjoy the laid back sounds of Duo Enchilada.

The festival will continue with a diverse mix of exhibitions, talks, workshops, events and performances from world class and exciting emerging new talent in venues around Stroud.

Visit www.stroudinternationaltextiles.org.uk for further information

Free brochure and Textile Trail booklet upon request and available online.

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