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# STREET FANS

A UNIQUE LIAISON BETWEEN STREET ART & FAN MAKING

## The Fan Museum launches pioneering project to rescue ailing craft form...

An international cast of street artists including RUN, C215, Nathan Bowen, Dale Grimshaw, Zabou & Sr.X are teaming up with fan maker extraordinaire, Sylvain Le Guen in a bid to reinvigorate the craft of fan making, cited by the Heritage Craft Association as at 'serious risk of no longer being practiced.' The fruits of the collaboration – fifty original folding fans – are set to enliven The Fan Museum's elegant Georgian interiors from September 19th 2017.

### Himbad, participating artist, said:

"To be able to team-up with a master fan maker is an amazing opportunity and I can't wait to see the results."

**Jacob Moss, Curator of The Fan Museum, said:** "Street art has achieved global recognition and the artists participating in this project each bring a unique and potentially transformative perspective to the craft of fan making. Their unconventional, sometimes rebellious designs have

*Captain Kris/Sylvain Le Guen*



prompted Le Guen, arguably Europe's leading contemporary fan maker, to work in similarly imaginative ways. The exhibition promises a visual spectacle not to be missed."

Events planned to coincide with the exhibition include a two day 'paint jam' and fan making workshop at Greenwich Market, a masterclass led by Le Guen and fan design competition for students at Lewisham Southwark College, and a similar event involving street artists and the museum's fan making experts at the

stunning location of the Heritage Gallery, Greenwich University.

At different times throughout the exhibition run visitors can get up close and personal with some of the street artists participating in the project, who'll be occupying the galleries and making new works in response to the displays. The Museum's expert fan making tutors will also be in residence encouraging visitors to try fan making for themselves. Check the Museum's website for a schedule of events.

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### About The Fan Museum

Located in the heart of historic Greenwich, The Fan Museum occupies two beautifully restored Grade II\* listed Georgian town houses. Open to the public since 1991, it is the only museum devoted entirely to the history of hand-held fans and craft of fan making.

*Ender/Sylvain Le Guen*

