

Digital Arts

Extinction Event

An exhibition by Dave Griffiths

12 Apr – 24 May

Location: Phoenix Cube gallery, cafebar and online.

Free entry

After studying the distant cosmos with scientists at the University of Leicester, artist Dave Griffiths has been inspired to create *Extinction Event*, a new artwork commissioned specially for exhibition at Phoenix.

Extinction Event draws on Dave's fascination with both film and astronomy, embedding a map of tiny film fragments on the windows of the Phoenix cafebar. Use your magnifying glass and observe a history of cinema told through cue-dot bursts. Astronomy and cinema are also explored in the film *Seer's Catalogue* on the cafebar video-screens.

The exhibition continues in the Cube gallery with *Babel Fiche*, a film that imagines what future generations might make of us from the moments we choose to capture and share. *Babel Fiche* was created from a crowd-sourced archive of videos distilled and compressed onto microfiche film, a selection of which will also be on display.

About Dave Griffiths

Nominated for this year's Northern Art Prize, Dave Griffiths is an artist, film maker and curator based in Manchester. His work has been shown internationally from China to the first ever video-art show in Tripoli, Libya. In 2010 he co-curated the major exhibition *UnSpooling - Artists and Cinema* at Cornerhouse in Manchester.

Extinction Event has been commissioned by Phoenix and MIRIAD. *Babel Fiche* was commissioned by Film and Video Umbrella with support from North West Film Archive at Manchester Metropolitan University, co-produced by Castlefield Gallery, and Film and Video Umbrella. Supported by Arts Council England.

Dave Griffiths – Artist's Talk

2 May, 6.30pm

Phoenix Seminar Rooms

Free. Contact box office to book your place.

Join Dave Griffiths for an insight into his use of microfilm in *Babel Fiche*, and how the creation of *Extinction Event* has been shaped by his residency at the University of Leicester's X-Ray & Observational Astronomy Group.



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