

# ROCKS IN MY BED PETER RANDALL-PAGE

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This exhibition has been mounted to mark the permanent installation in 2005 of Randall-Page's monumental granite sculpture 'Give and Take' within an amphitheatre of hard landscaping designed by the artist in collaboration with the landscape architect Ros Southern.

'Give and Take' (which is part of Newcastle City Council's Hidden Rivers Project), is the centre piece of a new mixed use development known as Trinity Gardens, behind the Law Courts, a few minutes walk from the Millennium Bridge.

The exhibition is in the atrium of One Trinity Gardens immediately adjacent to the sculpture and the show itself comprises new work not previously shown which at first glance appears to be a departure from Randall-Page's previous sculpture.

The stones in this show are un-worked granite rocks from Dartmoor and they lie on 6 x 2 metre strips of canvas hanging from the wall. There are four in all and both rocks and canvas are painted over their entire surface with a complex un-repeating maze like pattern of red and black lines.

In recent years Randall-Page's work has explored the underlying principals of growth and pattern formation in natural phenomena and his preoccupation with pattern and form, order and randomness, geometry and morphology are all apparent in this new installation.



The rocks appear disguised against the canvas in the same way that nature uses such patterns as camouflage.

The title of the show 'Rocks in my Bed' refers to a Duke Ellington blues composition and a new piece of music has been commissioned from the composer Jim Aitchison that will have its premiere at the opening of the show (Saturday 24th September, 2pm)

Aitchison's composition responds to the patterns and symmetry breaking in the work itself, as well as making references to the original Ellington blues.

Both the exhibition and the music have been enabled by Silverlink Properties (with assistance from NGI - the Newcastle and Gateshead Initiative).

## GIVE AND TAKE

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