

Media Release

Lotterywest Festival Celebration
JEREMY DELLER (UK)

SACRILEGE

In this landmark Festival event, Turner Prize-winning British artist Jeremy Deller relocates Stonehenge to Perth. Part homage, part anarchism, **Sacrilege** is a history lesson on a bouncy castle.

Continuing Deller's fascination with our reflection on the past, **Sacrilege** stunningly reimagine one of the world's most iconic prehistoric monuments as an inflatable and interactive sculpture. The sprawling, full-scale installation is characteristic of Deller's ability to create memorable art experiences for the young and young at heart, as it allows audiences to irreverently – and literally! – leap into ancient British history.

Perth Festival Artistic Director Jonathan Holloway said: "This remarkable public art installation has exhibited throughout Europe and Asia, and its showing in Perth celebrates our commitment to bringing major public artworks by exceptional artists to our city."

Jeremy Deller is one of Britain's most acclaimed conceptual, video and installation artists, forging a distinctive path in contemporary art over a formidable 20-year career. Adventurous and highly influential in new methods of art making, he pushes creative and emotional boundaries as he addresses key moments of cultural, political and historical definition, such as the 1984 Miners' Strike ("The Battle of Orgreave"), the Industrial Revolution and the Iraq War. In 2004, Deller was awarded the Turner Prize, and he represented Britain at this year's Venice Biennale.

His skill is juxtaposition; he is a master of putting things and people next to each other, altering contexts, lighting touch papers and standing well back.
THE GUARDIAN (UK)

WHERE: Supreme Court Gardens

WHEN: Monday 17 February – Saturday 1 March

Monday 17 February 2-7pm. Weekdays 11am-7pm. Weekends 9am-7pm.

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Perth International Arts Festival

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Jonathan Holloway is the Artistic Director 2012-2015.

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