

Art acknowledges Seething history



A FORMER Second World War airfield in South Norfolk is playing host to an arts project from tomorrow (Saturday).

The 'Air Field' project at Seething will feature new works and performances by visual artists Dominique Rey and Stephanie Douet, composer Jane Wells and poet Rupert Mallin.

The airfield formed a crucial part of Britain's military air defences during the Second World War. It was a base for B24 Liberator Bombers and around 3,000 Americans of the 448th Bomb Group. This atmospheric and historic setting

inspired Dominique Rey to bring together the four artists, all of whom live and work in Norfolk, to work on 'Air Field'.

Over several months of collaboration the artists have devised a number of works that recall the site's history and the courageous acts it was witness to. With the help of freelance curator Eddie Chambers, they hope to change the way people see the wide expanse of airfield at Seething.

During the day, visitors will be able to see artworks sited around the airfield and its buildings. The Control Tower Museum which provided some of the inspiration will also be open.

During the two evening performances, video, light works, live music incorporating the sound of Liberator bombers and a poetry performance will come together to create a powerful and memorable experience.

Dominique Rey said: "When I first came across the airfield at Seething I was immediately struck by its massive scale and by the powerful evidence all around you of past action. The Second World War has been a source of inspiration to me for some time and this amazing place felt like it was just waiting for someone to mark its story."

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England, East and Norfolk County Council. The project has also received support from the Waveney Flying Group, Seething Airfield Control Tower Museum and Norwich Arts Centre.

'Air Field' will be open daily from midday to 5pm, tomorrow and Sunday, and then from Thursday, July 14 to Sunday, July 17. The evening performances are being held tomorrow and Saturday, July 16, at 8.30pm. Entry to the airfield, exhibition and evening performances is free.

Seething Airfield is nine miles south east of Norwich - follow the signs from the B1332.