***Bitter Rose…***

**8 April - 2 May 2016 / various locations**

an Invisible Knowledges Project  (Glasgow Refugee Asylum and Migration Network & Centre For Contemporary Art, Glasgow)

Part of Glasgow International / Outskirts Festival / Radical Film Network Festival and Unconference

by writer, poet and musician Tawona Sithole and artist Birthe Jorgensen

In French surrealist, writer and poet, René Daumal’s (1908-44) unfinished novel, Mount Analogue, Arthur Beaver recites the mythical tale, The Hollow-men and The Bitter-Rose to fellow voyagers on the yacht Impossible. According to the tale, Bitter-Rose is a magical plant that grows only on the most inaccessible peaks. If eaten, should one be about to tell a lie, one’s tongue will start burning. No one has ever been known, to eat a Bitter-Rose, and few people have ever claimed to have seen it. Legend has it that on sensing the tremors of human fear, the illusive rose will retreat into the rock.

Bitter Rose is also the name of a nomadic installation that will be moved through the streets of Glasgow by foot. Alluding to the aesthetics of forced and voluntary journey, languages of poetry conflate with the formal terminology of travel and music of being adrift intermingles with that of being on hold. En route Bitter Rose will visit a number of organisations across the city and be visited by guests from a wide variety of back grounds that each in their way address what it might mean to be rooted or rootless today - or any other day.

For event descriptions, tickets, updates, our other special guests and activities please visit:[www.bitter-rose.com](http://www.bitter-rose.com/)

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***A Bitter Rose ...***

8 Apr / 2-5pm

***For those who wander or wonder***

w. musician, composer, storyteller and film

maker Gameli Tordzro

Performance: 3-4pm

Project Cafe

134 Renfrew Street

Glasgow G3 6ST

9 Apr / 2-5pm

***For the stranger within***

w. artist Sogol Mabadi

CCA Glasgow

Scott Street Entrance

350 Sauchiehall Street

Glasgow G2 3JD

10 Apr / 1-4pm

***For the rooted***

w. GRAMNet Convener, linguist Prof. Alison Phipps

Poetry reading: 2-3pm

Woodlands Community Gardens

91-101 West Princes Street

Glasgow G4 9BY

14 Apr / 2-5pm

***For You...***

w. artist Susan Brind and Jim Harold

Reading: 3-4pm

Woodside Library

343 St George’s Road

Glasgow G3 6JQ

15 Apr / 2-5pm

***For the many ways of knowing***

w. Life mosaic

Screening and discussion: 3-5pm

Gal Gael Trust

15 Fairley Street, Govan

Glasgow G51 2TS

16 Apr / 2-5pm

***For the nearly forgotten***

w. writer, poet and musician Tawona Sithole

Performance: 3-4pm

Artpark

House For An Art Lover

Bellahouston Park

10 Dumbreck Road

Glasgow G41 5BW

17 Apr / 2-5pm

***For the children of Victoria Road***

w. storyteller Mara Menzies

Workshop: 3-5pm

Milk Cafe

452 Victoria Road

Glasgow G42 8YU

2-5pm

! This event is only for the children of Victoria Road !

21 Apr / 2-5pm

***For the rocks and the soil***

w. artist Jasper Coppes &

Open Jar Collective

Soil City workshop: 3-4pm

Talk/tour by Jasper Coppes: 4-5pm

Govan Hill Baths

99 Calder Street

Glasgow G42 7RA

22 Apr / 2-5pm

***For the marginalised***

w. artist Bisan Abu Eisheh

Workshop: 3-5pm

Glad Cafe

1006A Pollokshaws Road

Glasgow G41 2HG

23 Apr / 11am - 1pm

***For Saint George***

w. musician Ernets Sithole

A walk from Bridgeton Library to Easterhouse to arrive at Outskirts Festival at Platform around 1pm where Ernest & Tawona will perform

We meet at 10:45am to start walking at 11am at:

Bridgeton Library

Bridgeton Cross

Glasgow G40 2QH

23 Apr / 1pm - 22pm

***Outskirts Festival***

w. Bitter Rose

Those who walk with us get discounted tickets to Outskirts Festival at Platform of

£7.50 / £5.00 where Bitter Rose will perform

See the full line up here:

[http://www.platform-online.co.uk/index.html?s=events&ec=viewEvent&event\_id=749](http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.platform-online.co.uk%2Findex.html%3Fs%3Devents%26ec%3DviewEvent%26event_id%3D749&h=0AQGHnTrW&enc=AZOwQriIXtO2y4Kagag1g9mPaFQPekU4iTPD9nwHiW6ZO_91cNf_jeWtI-rTKfTjhHA&s=1)

Platform, Easterhouse

The Bridge

1000 Westerhouse Road

Glasgow G34 9JW

24 Apr / 2-5pm

***For the signs and the symbols***

w. Ghanian fashion designer, dressmaker and African Ga singer and expert on

West African Adinkra symbols Cecilia Naa Densua Tordzro

Workshop: 3-5pm

10 places only! Free tickets are available from our website 10 days before the event

Platform, Easterhouse

The Bridge

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Glasgow G34 9JW

29 Apr - 2 May

***Radical Film Network Festival***

Short films by our hosts and visitors will be shown on a loop on 30Apr-1May from 9.30am – 3pm

Gilmorehill Halls

University of Glasgow

[www.rfnscotland.org](http://www.rfnscotland.org)

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Sithole and Jorgensen are currently artists in residence with Glasgow Refugee Asylum and Migration Network (GRAMNet). GRAMNet is a cross-departmental, academic network based at the University of Glasgow. GRAMNet aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, NGOs and policy makers working with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland by developing active collaborative research and development links, not only between the University of Glasgow and partners in policy making and the Third Sector, but also with those working in the field of sustainability, intercultural and international development.

Invisible Knowledge/s is a new programme presented by Glasgow Refugee Asylum and Migration Network and the Centre for Contemporary Arts that addresses knowledge production within the city. The aim is to make knowledge that for whatever reason may be invisible, more visible and to find creative ways of exploring the interplay between different kinds of knowledge/s.

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