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### FUSION AT HAT WORKS

The Hat Works is playing host to an exciting exhibition exploring the creativity of communication through 22 sets of collaborations between designer jewellers and textile artists.

The free exhibition, entitled 'Fusion', starts on Saturday 14th January and will be showing until 21st April 2006.

The exhibition is about developing dialogues and an understanding of how creators from different disciplines interact to produce shared or separate objects. The results are stunning and illustrate how, in the right circumstances, the whole can be much more than the sum of its parts.

These collaborations have taken many forms – at their best, involving a profound understanding by artists and designers of each others work and way of working; the layering of colour and materials; fabric embedded in resin or encased in tubes; textile patterns scanned onto silver; weaving and jewellery; shared ideas, shared processes and shared materials. Some of these 22 sets of collaborations have been created face-to-face, and some by e-mails.

A series of workshops and talks will accompany the exhibition. For anyone interested in textile and jewellery making, a workshop in Felt Jewellery making aimed at adults is being held on Sunday 19th March. On Thursday 30th March Sue Lancaster, one of the Fusion artists, will give a talk on the development of her work and her involvement in the project.

For more information, or to book a place on the workshops, please contact Hat Works on 0845 833 0975.

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