

Dear VIP

WE FACE FORWARD: ART FROM WEST AFRICA TODAY
VIP Weekend 1—3 June 2012

It is my great pleasure to invite you to spend the weekend with us celebrating the opening of *We Face Forward*, a season of art and music from West Africa, part of London 2012 Festival.

The VIP Weekend begins on Friday 1 June with the exhibition opening. You'll then enjoy a blend of West African and Mancunian hospitality at the opening party, a Saturday brunch with Duro Olowu, artist talks at both galleries throughout Saturday and Sunday, culminating in a concert by the extraordinary AfroCubism Collective.

Please see over for a full itinerary. We'd be delighted to see you for all or some of the weekend. We are expecting a crowd, so an RSVP to mag.development@manchester.gov.uk is essential to confirm your attendance and receive a full itinerary including travel and accommodation details.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an extraordinary weekend.

Dr Maria Balshaw
Director, Manchester City Galleries
and Whitworth Art Gallery



VIP Weekend itinerary

Friday 1 June

6pm
Exhibition opening
Manchester Art Gallery

7.30pm
Opening and party, including
performance by Diabel Cissohko
Whitworth Art Gallery

10pm
Afterparty: Afrobeats DJ club night

Saturday 2 June

11am
Brunch at Platt Hall
Gallery of Costume

1—5pm
Artists in conversation
Whitworth Art Gallery

6.30pm
VIP drinks with Manchester art folks

7.30pm onwards
West African music and social evening
Whitworth Art Gallery

Sunday 3 June

11am—5pm
Artists in conversation
Manchester Art Gallery

7pm
AfroCubism in concert
Bridgewater Hall

RSVP by Friday 18 May to confirm your place.
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