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^^^^ Rudera – of the rubble

Simon Lee Dicker

8 October – 1 November 2026

Thursday-Sunday 12-5

Private View Thursday 8 October – 6-8pm

The journey, spins, spirals and ascends but clarity is denied. Descent and introspection ensue. There is no long view, just a reflection on the (often invisible) materials we use, then discard, to grease a comfortable path through life, and the persistence of nature in the face of destructive human activity.

This iteration of ^^^^^ Rudera – of the rubble includes sculpture, ceramics, print, and is centred around a film made throughout 2025/26. Filming took place at 'The Bings' (from the Old Norse word "bingr" meaning heap) in West and Mid Lothian, Scotland. These man-made mountains of shale are by-products of the industrial process of oil production, re-visioned as an artwork in 1975 by John Latham, now a scheduled monument and nature reserve.

Ceramic work was developed through a REACH Scotland Residency at Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop (ESW) in 2026 using a combination of Lothian shale, Cornish granite and Coker wood ash. Additional firings took place at Brickfields (St Austell, Cornwall), Oxford Kilns (Oxford), Leith Pottery (Edinburgh) and OSR Projects (Somerset). Drawings and plaster casts were made in the artist's studio in Somerset, with lithographs drawn whilst at ESW and printed by Artlab Contemporary Print (Preston). Publication design Chantelle Henocq.

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ABOUT THE EXHIBITOR

Simon Lee Dicker is a UK-based artist whose practice is rooted in an ongoing inquiry into landscape and the traces — material, historical, and emotional — that human activity leaves on the natural world. Simon explores the permeable boundaries between post-industrial terrain, ecological processes, and the more-than-human world.
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In 2011 Simon co-founded OSR Projects, an artist-run organisation that connects people through artist-led activity, exploring new ways to see, hear, feel and think. From OSR Projects base in rural Somerset, they produce ambitious, playful, socially and critically-engaged art projects.
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