



'Inner Visions 2008'

– *A privileged insight into the lives of internationally acclaimed professional photographers –*

– *Joe Cornish & Andy Rouse –*

Hartlepool - Sunday 6th July 2008 @ 2pm

Street, Somerset - Sunday 7th December 2008 @ 2pm

Building on the overwhelming success of Inner Visions 2007 which had the public straining in the aisles and strewn out of the doorway in West Sussex, the combined photographic talents of Joe Cornish and Andy Rouse are pleased to announce Inner Visions 2008.

This time, taking their two-man roadshow to both Somerset and County Durham, the pair of our most influential, charismatic and successful British photographers have prepared an unmissable event in which they share some of their most personal feelings and thoughts that go into the creative process of image-making both from the point of view of an entire landscape and the creatures that live within it.

Revealing both similarities and differences in their creative approaches, Joe and Andy discuss their beginnings in the photographic world and how both their lives and work has evolved over time to the enviable international reputations they now both hold. An inspirational and unique presentation lasting for an entire afternoon, there is quite simply nothing like it and will be the event of the year for all with an interest in photography in the great outdoors.

Both photographers are committed to conserving the natural world and a percentage of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Aspira Fund. This was set up, in partnership with Paramo Directional Clothing Systems, to assist small charities worldwide that get overlooked for funding. Making its first donations in 2008, it is hoped that the success of the Inner Visions talks will allow even greater donations to be made in 2008.

The Photographers

Andy Rouse

Together with a life-long fascination with the creatures of the natural world, Andy Rouse has developed his professional photographic career from humble beginnings over the past few decades. A larger than life character, he is very much at home in front of an audience and likes nothing more than to share his amazing images and the stories behind them with everyone, as is evident from his sell-out talks, expeditions and publications. Seeking to inspire and enthuse people about wildlife and foster a respect for the natural world, Andy's work is not to be missed and continues to provide a high benchmark to which others in the field of wildlife photography aspire.

Joe Cornish

Joe Cornish began his career as an assistant to studio photographers in Washington DC and in London. A move to North Yorkshire allowed him to combine his passion for photography with a love of the great outdoors. He has developed a style so precisely tuned to the texture, colour and atmosphere of a place that it is almost possible to feel the wind blowing, or the smell of the sea in his images. Joe has lead workshops for many years, and his enthusiasm to share his photographic experience is reflected in contributions to magazines, successful talks, and books, including the best-selling *First Light*. His two galleries in North Yorkshire showcase the work of other photographers as well as his own, and form a popular meeting point for photographers from far and wide.

The events

'Inner Visions 2008' will take place at 2pm (for a 2.30pm start) on Sunday 6th July at Hartlepool and Sunday 7th December at Street. The finish time will likely be 6pm...or perhaps later. Tickets are for sale only in advance from the venues concerned, please see below for details. Signed books and prints of the photographers' work will be available for purchase at the events, and both venues have full bar facilities and disabled access.

Tickets

Tickets, priced at £20 each, are available direct from the venues concerned;

- ◆ Sunday 6th July 2008 - Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AH – 01429 890000. Disabled concession £10.
- ◆ Sunday 7th December 2008 - Strode Theatre, Street, Somerset, BA16 0AB - 01458 442846. Disabled concession £10.

Both theatres are wheelchair friendly. Please let the box office know if you will require a wheelchair space on booking.

Further Information

1. For further information about 'Inner Visions 2008', and publicity images please contact sales@andyrouse.co.uk

2. For further information on the photographers and the Aspira Fund please visit;

- ◆ www.aspirafund.co.uk
- ◆ www.andyrouse.co.uk
- ◆ www.joecornish.co.uk