

## Luke Jerram's Dream Director - progress so far...

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Artist Luke Jerram is the recipient of this year's Clark Bursary – 6th UK Digital Art Award. His project, **Dream Director**, explores the creative possibilities of affecting the dreaming content of an audience as they sleep and creating an 'artwork in dreamspace'. Using technology to detect when each participant is in a dream state, the **Dream Director** will trigger sounds played to individuals during their dreams. Through the Bursary Luke is developing the potential of the **Dream Director** as a multi-user interactive installation, delivering an artistic experience to participants whilst they sleep within a communal space.



The Dream Director

Since receiving the Bursary Luke has been working on getting a prototype of the **Dream Director** ready for testing in early 2007. Luke will use eyemasks to detect REM (which indicates that a person is dreaming) which will then trigger sound (via a computer) that the dreamer will hear in their sleep. Luke's progress is documented in his online journal at [www.dshed.net/studio/residencies/clarkbursary/journal](http://www.dshed.net/studio/residencies/clarkbursary/journal)

Luke will continue with this research into January as well as producing a DVD which brings together his combined work in this area of creating 'artwork in dreamspace'. This includes his parallel project The Sky Orchestra in which seven hot air balloons, each with speakers attached, take off at sunrise to fly across a city creating a sky borne symphony for awakening audiences.

In January Luke and composer Dan Jones will take the Sky Orchestra to Australia to perform at the 2007 Sydney Festival. On his return from Australia Luke will spend a period of time in residence at Watershed to carry out the first **Dream Director** test and record feedback as well as present the project to a wider audience. Details will be announced in the New Year.

### Notes for Editors

•The **Clark Bursary – 6th UK Digital Art Award** is supported and managed by Watershed in Bristol, the Bursary is associated with the Situations programme at UWE, which sets the commissioning of new artworks within the context of international research. Luke's development will be supported within this critical framework, and the creative process, which is a key focus of this unique opportunity, and will be published online at [www.dshed.net/clarkbursary](http://www.dshed.net/clarkbursary)

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•Find out more about Luke's artwork and recent dream research at [www.lukejerram.com](http://www.lukejerram.com)

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