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The Whitstable Biennale is back, why things are on the up at The Marlowe Theatre, a first for Turner Contemporary and dates for your diary

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A NEW PEARL AMONG THE ART WORLD

Whitstable Biennale is a festival of performance, film and sound, taking place every two years on the Kent coast. This year heralds the eighth festival, which is themed The Faraway Nearby.

The event, from 4th-12th June, has grown out of Whitstable's extensive artistic community, and has developed an international reputation for showcasing the most exciting up-and-coming artists and film-makers from across the UK and beyond, and engaging audiences in a rich programme: "A new pearl among the art-world oysters," declared The Guardian.

Performances are varied – some last less than an hour, some are on view all day, every day. All exhibitions and events are free, although some require booking so it's worth checking out the programme in detail. Festival HQ is at the Horsebridge Arts Centre.

• Call 01843 596194 or visit www.whitstablebiennale.com