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LOVE LEADS PHOTOGRAPHER TO HEART OF THE BIG APPLE

Bringing the Heart of New York Back to Dorset

Lots of photographers are a bit obsessive about their cameras, but not many confess to being obsessed by one shape. Paul Angel is a bit different to most. Since 2004 he's been photographing graffiti lovehearts and the places where he finds them. He's produced over 350 unique artworks to date, making up his ongoing love | landscape project.

A selection of international and Dorset based images will be on show during Purbeck Art Week 2009 along with a 120 page book of examples from around the UK.

The project includes a large number of photographs taken in Florence, Paris, Venice, Barcelona and elsewhere in Europe, and in October last year Paul flew to New York to spend a week photographing lovehearts in the Big Apple.

"New York is just incredible, especially for photographers," said Paul recently. "It feels so familiar from film and TV. There are pop culture references on every street. My mind was buzzing with excitement!"

Despite New York's reputation as the home of graffiti, the city has done a lot to clean up its streets. "I must admit it was a bit disappointing for graffiti at first. It took me a couple of hours to find any, but once I found it, it just kept coming. Funnily enough it was right next to a sign saying 'no graffiti'. I'm glad they've cleaned up a lot of the big stuff, though. It can be intimidating for people and took a lot away from some great buildings in midtown Manhattan. Luckily what I'm after is usually small and almost always positive."

As well as images from Dorset, Paul will be showing some of his work from New York during Purbeck Art Week which runs from 23rd to 31st May 2009. Information is available from galleries and Tourist Information Centres and at www.purbeckartweek.co.uk

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