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**The Theatre of Making – Sculptd.@rt
- a new free arts festival for Hedge End**

**Venue: Wildern School,
Wildern Lane,
Hedge End,
SO30 4EJ**

Date and time: Saturday 11 July 2009 10am-4pm

Free Sculpture, Craft, Music and Dance Workshops for All

Budding Michelangelos should head down to Wildern School on Saturday, 11 July, for Sculptd@rt, Hedge End's new community arts festival. You can be guaranteed a fun day jam-packed with free hands-on workshops for all the family. Organised jointly by craft education charity, The Making, and Wildern School's d.@rt Centre, the new festival will provide something for everyone.

If you have ever wanted to have a go at throwing pots on a potters wheel, professional ceramicists will show you how. There will also be tile-decorating, willow, wire and origami sculpture workshops, the magical process of raku firing and, for followers of fashion, screen printing a T-shirt with your own design. Young musicians and dancers - past and present Wildern students and local groups, will entertain you throughout the day while a story-teller will keep the under-fives entranced.

Sculptd.@rt will give local children, young people and families the opportunity to work with talented professional artists and to try out rarely taught craft techniques. It will showcase some of the exciting activities provided by Wildern School and act as a pilot for an annual Hedge End arts festival.

Sculptd.@rt is a partnership between the d.@rt Centre, The Making and the Find your Talent-PUSH programme. The event is produced by the d.@rt Centre which offers local people state of the art facilities and a wide range of classes in dance, drama, art and

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music. The visual arts workshops have been commissioned by The Making, an award-winning craft education charity. Its highly popular 'Theatre of Making' programme allows you to meet and watch artists at work, learn about materials and processes and experience for yourself the pleasure of "hands-on" making. The initiative and funding for the event were provided by Find your Talent-PUSH, one of ten national pathfinder projects in England funded by the Government's Find your Talent initiative:

www.findyourtalent.org.uk

For the workshop schedule, see The Making website www.themaking.org.uk. Anyone over the age of five may participate but children under twelve years must be accompanied by an adult.

The workshop places are free, but you must book to be sure of a place. Tickets for the morning sessions can be booked in advance from the d.@rt Centre: telephone 01489 779461 or email a.neasom@wildern.hants.sch.uk. The remaining tickets are to be booked on the day from 9.30am at the Booking Tent.

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Note to Editors

The Making is an award-winning arts charity based in Basingstoke that promotes high quality contemporary craft and design and inspires new audiences to engage in the art of making. It takes art to where people are, delivering popular and innovative events and participatory programmes for children, families and young people.

Please visit www.themaking.org.uk for further information.

The d.@rt Centre

Wildern School is a large co-educational comprehensive for young people aged 11 to 16. Its d.@rt Centre offers community classes in various styles of dance, drama, art and music. Its state of the art music facilities include rehearsal rooms, recording studios and a digital media suite with the latest music software programmes, two drama rehearsal spaces and a purpose built dance studio with fully sprung floor.

Find Your Talent is a Government initiative to give children and young people the chance to try out different cultural activities. The scheme is being run in 10 pathfinder areas and aims to offer every young person a sustained engagement of five hours a week of quality arts and culture both in and out of school, whatever their age and whatever their ability. For more information visit us at: www.findyourtalent.org.uk

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