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### **Luminate: Scotland's creative ageing festival**

From 1 – 31 October, all over Scotland from the Highlands to the Lowlands, **Luminate**, Scotland's creative ageing festival will host an amazing array of dance, theatre, music, visual art and community events and projects celebrating our creative lives as we age.

Now in its second year, Luminate is a festival for everyone, presenting performances, events and activities that shine a light on our creativity as we age, and reaching older people across Scotland as well as audiences and participants from across the generations.

Opening on 1 October at **macrobert**, Stirling, Susie Rea's ***Super Vivere*** exhibition marks the first day of Luminate. The exhibition is a selection of stunning portraits from a photographic series that explores the lives of siblings from the UK and Europe who are over the age of 90. Accompanied by audiovisual narrative and text, the work is part of a collaboration with Dr Maeve Rea of Queen's University, Belfast.

At 3.30pm on **1 October**, Susie and Maeve Rea will give a **Gallery Talk** at macrobert, introducing the project and giving a short reading from *Super Vivere: Reflections on Long Life and Ageing Well*, the book that accompanies the project. The exhibition is open daily at macrobert until **10 October** before transferring to Platform, Easterhouse, Glasgow from **22 October**.

Also on 1 October, Luminate will be holding a reception at the arthouse, macrobert to wish everyone involved a fruitful, creative and successful festival. Among those present will be representatives from each of Luminate's funding partners: Creative Scotland; The Baring Foundation and Age Scotland. Irene Kelso, a member of Still Dancing, Dance House Glasgow's performance company of older dancers, will also share her experiences as a dancer and their impact on her life as she ages.

**Anne Gallacher, Luminare Director, said:**

“As Luminare gets underway for a second year, I’m thrilled that the programme features such a wide range of events and activities. There are lots of opportunities to try your hand at something new, performances and exhibitions showcasing the creative work of older people, and films and events with something to say to audiences of any age about the experience of ageing. Creativity has no age, and the communities and artists who are taking part in Luminare this year are evidence of that!”

For full programme listings or to download a copy of the Luminare brochure visit [www.luminareScotland.org](http://www.luminareScotland.org).

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**Notes to editors**

Super Vivere was created in association with Dr Maeve Rea of Queen’s University Belfast and the EU funded Genetics of Healthy Ageing Study. The exhibition is presented in association with Street Level Photoworks.

Luminare, Scotland’s creative ageing festival is now in its second year. During October the festival will host an amazing array of performances, events and activities that shine a light on our creativity as we age.

Embracing the length and breadth of Scotland, every day in October community groups, cultural organisations, artists and performers will bring together audiences and participants across the generations as part of Luminare.

Highlights from Luminare 2013 include:

- A Luminare commission with UK-wide charity **Live Music Now**, creating and performing ***The Luminare Suite***, a new song cycle based on the music, poems and songs remembered and shared by older people in the Western Isles
- ***Recount***, a site-specific installation by artists **Roxane Permar** and **Susan Timmins** at the Royal Observer Corps’ most northerly bunkers on Shetland, exploring islanders’ recollections of its role in the Cold War conflict.
- A touring production of ***Translunar Paradise***, **Theatre Adfinitum**’s award-winning mask and movement theatre piece that tells the story of William as he retreats to his memories following the death of his wife but must ultimately let her go.

- **Super Vivere**, an exhibition by photographer **Susie Rea** using stunning portraits, audiovisual narrative and text to explore the lives of siblings in their 90s.

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