**PAN 360**

**THURS 17 September - SAT 17 October 2009**

**Dan Shipsides**

**PAN 360** is an ongoing series of landscape based videos which are made by attaching a modified camera to a leash and whirling it through the space above and around the artist’s body. Shot in location while pursuing other habitual activities such as rock climbing, the simple activity of production dissolves conventional landscape scenes or views into sequences of dramatic visual activity where the landscape image is literally put into a spin. The raw video-scapes and audio combine both the performative activity (of selecting location, spinning, speed, timing and stamina) with the beautiful concordant / discordant footage of the environment.

Shipsides pursues a creative relationship to space incorporating the experiential. He seeks ways to explore spaces often with a physical engagement and produce both rural and urban landscapes based on that experience. It aims to draw from, document or reflect an experience of “being there” whilst also linking to social and historical contexts and articulating a societal engagement with place.

Dan Shipsides was born in Lancashire, England in 1972. And currently lives and works in Belfast since 1995. Former co-director at Catalyst Arts and Bbeyond, Belfast. He is a currently a researcher and lecturer at the School of Art & Design at the University of Ulster in Belfast. In 2004 Dan Shipsides was awarded the ACNI Major Artist Award, in 2000 won the Nissan Art award IMMA (Bamboo Support) Dublin. Recent national and international exhibitions include e.g. Tate Modern (*Figuring Landscapes*), Castlefield Gallery, Manchester (*Radical Architecture*), Void, Derry (*Echo Valley…*) Arnolfini, Bristol (*Elastic Frontiers*), Platform, Istanbul (*Hit & Run*), MCA, Sydney (*Sporting Life*). Smart Project Space, Amsterdam (*Endure*). South London Gallery (*Games & Theory*). [www.danshipsides.com](http://www.danshipsides.com)

**Video stills courtesy of the artist:**
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