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## PRESS RELEASE

### CHILD'S PLAY

The Core at Corby Cube

George Street, Corby, Northants, NN17 1QG

Sculpture viewable between opening hours, 12th and 16th September 2022

Sculpture Kickdown Event, 5pm 17th September 2022

Free Entry

In partnership with The Core at Corby Cube, Fermynwoods Contemporary Art present *Child's Play*. A sculpture - performance - play by internationally renowned artist Aeneas Wilder.

The public are invited to visit the theatre between 12th and 16th September to witness the sculpture - performance - play develop and observe the gradual build up of the monumental wooden installation, *Untitled #215*.

Working in solitude for days, the act of placing becomes a rhythmic labour, with the structure gradually becoming apparent as time passes. Through careful measuring and placement of thousands of uniform lengths of recycled Iroko wood, *Untitled #215*, a sculpture especially conceived for The Core at Corby Cube, will take form on stage responding to the specific architecture of the building. No fixing, joining, or additional materials. Only balance and gravity holding the sculpture in place.

*Child's Play* culminates in a special Sculpture Kickdown Event on Saturday 17th September, where the work will be brought crashing to the floor.

Aeneas comments, "*When you go to the theatre you can't own the play – you can own a copy of the script, or the programme that outlines the main characters, but you don't own the play – I see this work a bit like that. It's not for people to own, it's for people to experience.*"

Preceding the creation of *Untitled #215*, Aeneas will work with students from Exeter – A Learning Community Academy and Lodge Park Academy, Corby, to develop their own impermanent monumental sculptures.

### Editors Notes

Funded by Arts Council England and Northamptonshire Community Foundation's Compton Fund. *Child's Play* is part of *Xylophobia*, Fermynwoods Contemporary Art's new two-year programme. Named from the fear of wooden objects or forests, *Xylophobia* addresses issues of place and belonging, which go to the heart of community feelings of exclusion from both the art world and woodland space.

Aeneas Wilder is an artist who thinks about form and space, structure and time. Born in Edinburgh in 1967 and now based between there and Japan, he has worked extensively around the world. As well as exhibiting his own work and developing commissions, Aeneas is a curator who has written on his own relief efforts following the 2011 earthquake in Japan.

Fermynwoods Contemporary Art is an educational charity that supports life through art by commissioning innovative and meaningful ways for artists to engage with audiences, in public spaces across Northamptonshire and online.

The Core at Corby Cube is a registered charity, dedicated not only to entertaining people, but to supporting the community, fostering local talent, and developing skills for life through their Creative Projects and Outreach work.

More information at: <https://fermynwoods.org/childs-play-aeneas-wilder>

To register a free place to the Sculpture Kickdown Event visit:

<https://www.thecorecorby.com/whats-on/sculpture-kickdown/>