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What's Cooking Grandma?

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Nins's roast potatoes, Gran's sticky toffee pudding, Mam's Lancashire hot pot, Grannie's butter pie, or chicken tikka masala? What's your Grandmothers special recipe? What's the dish she can cook like no one else?

Artists and designers Human Beans are making a video cookbook of the grandmothers of Lancaster, and they need your grandma. It's part of the show perimeters boundaries and borders opening at the new CityLab in Dalton Square, Lancaster, 29 September - 20 October.

No one can match the magic of a Grandma in the kitchen. Human Beans want to document the recipes of the Grandmothers across the world. Fast-UK and **folly** have invited them to start in Lancaster.

The artists are encouraging people to create home videos of their Grandmas cooking the family's favourites in their own kitchen and share their wisdom and stories. Anyone who can get their hands on a camera and a computer can participate - you can even make a video on your mobile phone if you want. All videos should be uploaded to www.WhatsCookingGrandma.net.

And if that's all too much don't worry - Human Beans are also offering film your grandma for you, for free - they'll even buy the ingredients.

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Filming will take place during August and the videos will be shown throughout the exhibition Perimeters Boundaries & Borders September 29 - October 21 in Lancaster. Everyone they film will get a copy of the video to share with the family.

At the show Human Beans will launch a new product: The Grandma Player. A container for those special recipes that will record and playback the sound of your grandma cooking whilst you cook along.

If you want to make your own film or invite Human Beans to film your grandma see www.WhatsCookingGrandma.net or contact Mark Daniels at **folly** on 01524 388550 or email mark.daniels@folly.co.uk.

Note to editors

> Human Beans is collaboration between London based Chris Vanstone (Welsh) and Mickaël Charbonnel (French).

> Grandmas filmed by human beans will be shown throughout the show. Families will receive a copy of the film on DVD.

> www.WhatsCookingGrandma.net is live from the 25th of July. Technical advice and filming suggestions are available online.

> People who would like us to film their grandmother cooking can contact Mark at **folly** on 01524 388550 or email mark.daniels@folly.co.uk

> Perimeters, Boundaries and Borders is an f.city exhibition from Fast-UK and Folly. For more information see www.folly.co.uk

> Perimeters Boundaries & Borders opens at CityLab, Lancaster from the 29th of September until the 20th of October. For more information see www.folly.co.uk

For further information on Human Beans see www.humanbeans.net

For further information on what's Cooking Grandma and images contact: james.hanks@folly.co.uk or 01524 3885500

Three things you need to know about f.city and folly in 2006:

- > **f.city** is Lancaster's new three-week city-wide digital arts festival of exhibitions, events, workshops, performances, talks, screenings and podcasts
- > **f.city** will see **folly** working with over thirty international practitioners from the fields of digital art and design.
- > **f.city** is our flagship 'leading digital culture' event in 2006

folly is a media arts organisation delivering events, workshops and exhibitions in Cumbria and Lancashire. Specialising in the creative use of technology, **folly** is involved with projects including the web, creative software, mobile communications, sound, animation, photography and moving image.

folly is developing a Cumbrian base at Staveley in addition to its existing Lancaster location. **folly** will deliver events, exhibitions and training workshops at a number of locations in Cumbria and Lancashire and beyond throughout 2006.

folly has relocated as part of the redevelopment plans for the Storey Creative Industries Centre (SCIC) by Lancaster City Council and is currently delivering a distributed artistic programme, from temporary office premises in Lancaster.

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