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**Hitchcocks' childhood explored in East London photo show**

Alfred Hitchcock's East London childhood is the focus of a unique photography exhibition opening this week in Hackney.

Many people see the origin of Hitchcock's work in his childhood, but what do we really know about his childhood experiences?

Was Hitchcock really locked up in a Leytonstone police station as a six-year-old boy for his father's amusement as he often claimed?

*Shadows of Doubt* at the Darnley Road Gallery, features work by renowned graduates of London Met's Sir John Cass Department of Art, Media and Design, Spencer Rowell and David George.

Spencer and David's work is curated by Hitchcock scholar and London Met senior communications lecturer Dr. Nicholas Haeffner.

The exhibition explores the places which may have acted as Hitchcock's early influences while he was growing up in East London.

David's photographs show places in the East End that might have caught Hitchcock's eye as a child and suggest what they may have looked like seen through the director's gothic sensibility.

Spencer, who is now studying for a PhD at London Met, uses photography to restage Hitchcock's childhood fears and anxieties.

The exhibition is on from 5-10 August, with a private view on Thursday 4 August at 7pm. This event will also launch of the seventh edition of *Uncertain States* magazine. *Uncertain States* was set up by Cass students to showcase contemporary photographers and is now distributed via many London galleries and venues. See [www.uncertainstates.com](http://www.uncertainstates.com).

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**Notes to editors:**

Shadows of Doubt: "A psychogeographical journey through Hitchcocks' East End childhood"

Darnley Road Gallery

1A Darnley Road, Hackney E9 6QH

5 - 10 August, 11am - 6pm, excluding Sunday

Private View Thursday 4 August at 7pm

Shadows of Doubt is an interim exhibition, leading up to a large scale exhibition at The Cass from 17 November 2011. This exhibition, part of London Photomonth, will include a symposium about Hitchcock's East End on 24 November.

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[www.londonmet.ac.uk/jcamd/research/staff-research/mc/nick-haeffner.cfm](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/jcamd/research/staff-research/mc/nick-haeffner.cfm)

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