***The Arborealists***

***ACE Arts, Somerton, November 2023***

In celebration of trees, this exhibition aims to promote the conservation of ancient woodland and tree planting, both vital strands of the environmental crisis recovery strategy.

*The Arborealists* were founded in 2013 by artist and curator Tim Craven and are a loose association of 50 professional artists of diverse art practice who share the subject of the tree. Although united by their subject, the artists employ a diverse range of working practices: scale, medium, philosophy, style and technique. The results are by turn dramatic and contemplative, expressive, abstracted, hyperreal and surreal and they demonstrate that trees still have a deep relevance in contemporary art and retain their power to move us as a vital element in our landscape.

 The group enjoys a national profile and have already staged 32 exhibitions to acclaim in the UK and abroad with many more planned for the future, including site-specific projects. They have also produced 8 illustrated publications to compliment the exhibitions.