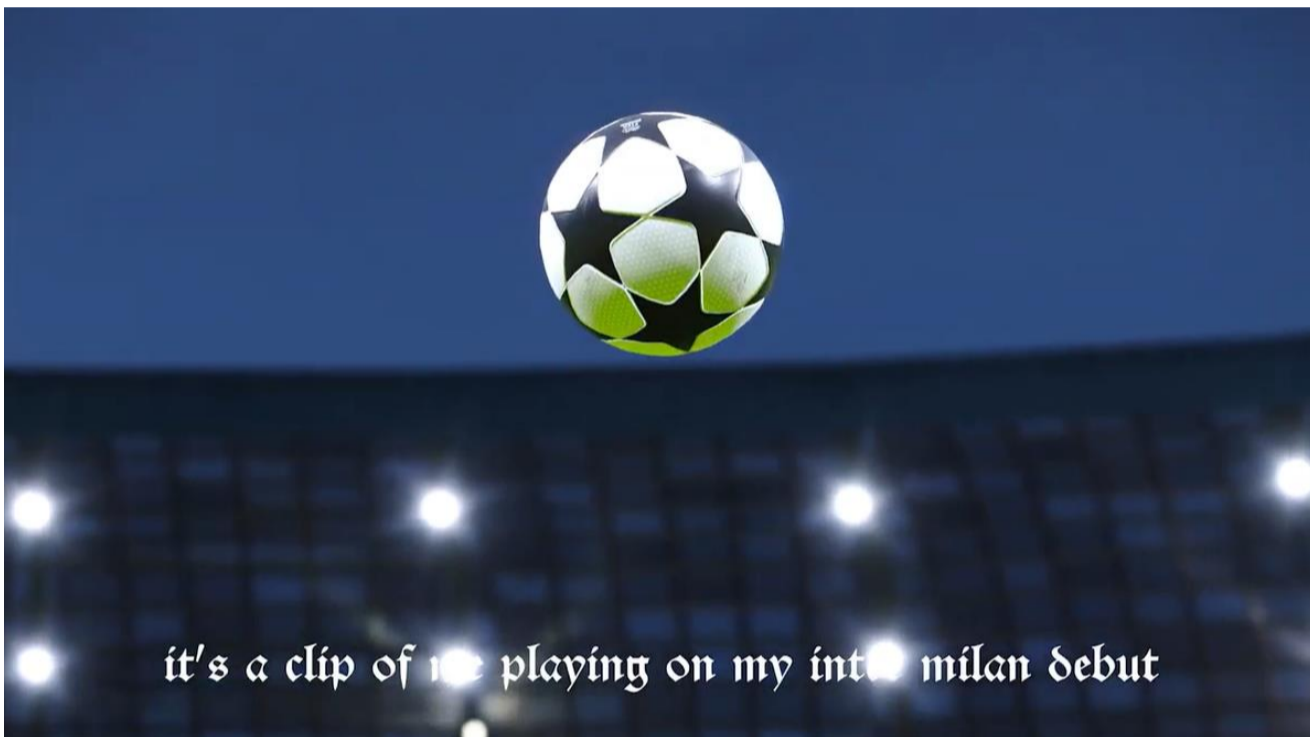


FORMAT 2024

FORMAT International Photography Festival happens every other year in Derby. As a part of FORMAT's off year programme the festival has partnered with LCB Depot to celebrate its 20th anniversary, bringing amazing international photography to Leicester!

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Skills Video (Adriano)

Theo Ellison

Video

Skills Video explores how nostalgia and romanticised narratives operate within the idea of the 'flawed genius' footballer. The film features an avatar of former Inter Milan striker Adriano, who became immortalised as a cult figure thanks to his unstoppable video game counterpart, which captured his talent without the real-life inconsistency. Football fans often seem to live vicariously through their players, and a player like Adriano, with all his mercurial brilliance and lost potential, maps neatly onto the 'tragic hero' narrative. That narrative, embedded in nostalgia, is rendered here through the lens of the logo-saturated visual culture that surrounds football.

£2000

Artist Bio

My work looks to tease out our vulnerability to Romanticised narratives, using them as a lens through which to test the hazy boundaries between nature and artifice; observation and voyeurism; pathos and humour.

Recent exhibitions include; In The Offing, Turner Contemporary, Margate, 2023; Supersublime, Giant Gallery, Bournemouth, 2023; CIRCA x Dazed Class of 2022; Football Art Prize, touring exhibition, 2022-2023; NatureMax, Giant Gallery, Bournemouth, 2021-2022

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