

## Colourful arts fest returns for 15th year



The 15th annual Coastal Currents festival kicked off last weekend promising a three week arts and culture extravaganza.

Coastal Currents 2014 launched to crowds, queues, and a multitude of feathers and visual feasts starting with its Dawn Chorus event last Friday evening.

Saturday saw the first big performance on the Stade Open Space in Hastings Old Town. A String Section by Reckless Sleepers drew in enormous crowds and held them mesmerised as they destroyed their chairs with such balance and dexterity, strength and delicateness.

With minutes of the piece finishing social media was a wash with images, films and even artist sketches of the performance.

Mole Wetherell, artistic director of Reckless Sleepers, said:

“The performance in Hastings was brilliant, by far the biggest audience we have had. What made it so special was the way the audience engaged with the piece, willing the performers on, clapping and cheering every time someone managed to saw a leg of their chair – it was great.”

Tina Morris, director of the festival, said: “The weather was perfect and the attendance figures have been among the most we’ve seen. “We’re had a great start to what should be another fantastic festival.”

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