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Sculptor exhibits at Olympic site

A County Durham sculptor has beaten thousands of artists from all over the world to have one of his works placed outside Beijing's Olympic stadium.

John Atkin's "Strange Meeting" is to be unveiled as part of the 2008 Games opening ceremony in China on Friday.

The artist, from Darlington, was one of more than 2,500 who applied to have their work displayed in Olympic Park.

The two-piece granite and marble sculpture was inspired by Wilfred Owen's poem Strange Meeting.

Mr Atkin is the only UK artist to have been commissioned by the Beijing Municipal Government to exhibit his work in a massive public display of art in the city's Olympic Park.

The sculpture consists of two identical shapes, echoing the human figure and derived from garment templates.

One form is positioned upright, the other lying down.

The space between the two sections frames views of the spaces bordering the Olympic Park.



The sculpture was created in a workshop in China

“The Chinese workforce was wonderfully organised and diligent in their interpretation of my directions”

John Atkin



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Sculptor sets gold standard



Darlington sculptor John Atkin's work is taking centre stage at the Beijing Olympic Park, beating more than 2000 people in a competition for the honour.

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