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CAN You See Me Now? is a cutting-edge chase game played online and on the streets.

Players from anywhere in the world can play online against members of Blast Theory.

For five days, the Gardner Arts Centre, Brighton, becomes the control room of Can You See Me Now? with a specially created game that takes place around the Gardner and the other buildings on the University of Sussex campus.

Can You See Me Now? is a collaboration between Blast Theory and the Mixed Reality Lab, University of Nottingham.

The award-winning concept was originally commissioned by Shooting Live Artists in 2001 and has been presented in Sheffield, Rotterdam, Oldenburg and Cologne.

Players are dropped at random locations into a virtual map of the University of Sussex campus.

Tracked by satellites, Blast

Theory's runners appear online next to your player.

Situated in the real campus, hand-held computers showing the position of online players guide the runners in tracking you down.

With up to 20 people playing online at a time, online players can exchange tactics and send messages to Blast Theory.

An audio stream from Blast Theory's walkie talkies allow you to eavesdrop on your pursuers, as they get lost and out of breath around the buildings and parkland of the campus.

If a runner gets within five metres of your location, you are caught and a photo of where you were "seen" is taken.

It all happens at the Gardner Arts Centre from Monday until Friday, October 1, with live gaming sessions from noon until 2pm, and from 4pm to 6pm.

Visit the website at www.canyouseemenow.co.uk to find out more.

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All eyes on street game