

PRESS RELEASE



BOW ARTS SE1 OPEN STUDIOS 2013

Opening night: Friday 20th September, 6-9pm

Open Studios continues on Saturday 21st September, 2-8pm

Address: Bermondsey Project, 46 Willow Walk, London, SE1 5SF



(Image credits from left to right: Jonathon Hood, Emma Chell)

Over 140 artists in the Bow Arts SE1 studios in Bermondsey are opening up their studio doors on 20th and 21st September to give you the chance to see behind the scenes of our growing creative community in South London.

Visitors will have the exciting opportunity to meet directly with the artists, see artwork in the environment it is created and hear about artists' inspirations and methods first hand, as well as the chance to buy that piece you love straight from the artist.

Bow Arts are excited to showcase the wealth of talent at their Bermondsey studio spaces and invite everyone from the community to join in with the weekend's creativity and meet a diverse group of mixed disciplined artists. In throwing open their doors and embracing the general public, this annual event makes up an integral part of Bow Arts commitment to community engagement, as it delivers a rare opportunity for visitors to interact with the artists.

Local food and local drink will also be available at the event as part of our Bow Arts green initiative to source local providers.

On Saturday 21st September, the creativity will continue and expand across several floors of the Bermondsey Project Space, in collaboration with Crisis Skylight Bermondsey Open day and Open studios, East London Furniture workshop Open day, the London Sculpture Workshop Open day and Bermondsey Project Space 2 exhibition. A short stroll away is the Bermondsey Street Festival and also opening their studios and gallery doors are Southwark Studios and Drawing Room.

In addition to Open Studios the event will coincide with the opening of the Bow Arts Open Show *Mise-en-scène* featuring the work of 19 artists selected and curated by renowned artist duo Cullinan Richards.



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Editors Notes:

Dates of SE1 Open Studios and exhibition:

SE1 Open Studios and *Mise-en-scène* exhibition

Friday 20th September, 2013, 6-9pm

Saturday 21st September, 2013, 2-8pm

SE1 Open studios ends, but *Mise-en-scène* exhibition continues

22nd September – 5th October, Tues-Sun, 1pm-6pm

Address: Bow Arts SE1 Studios, Bermondsey Project, 46 Willow Walk, London, SE1 5SF

Please find contact information and details about Bow Arts below. If you require any high resolution images, further information or would like to arrange any interviews please get in touch.

About Bow Arts:

Bow Arts was established as an educational arts charity in 1995 based in East London, where it supports a community of over 400 artists with affordable, secure, creative workspace in the heart of London's Artist Quarter. Bow Arts also manages one of the country's most exciting education programmes. The schools programme takes world-class artists into schools to improve the lives and learning of children and young people. Our projects, workshops and training are proven to raise attainment, deliver on school improvement priorities and provide top quality learning experiences. Bow Arts also runs the Nunnery, a contemporary art gallery a stone's throw from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, which supports a diverse range of local, national and international exhibitions and

events.

Bow Arts works closely with a number of partners including East Thames, Poplar HARCA, Crisis, Tower Hamlets Council and Newham Council, and joined the National Portfolio of Arts Council England in April 2012.

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