

Major new residency and bursary for Tower Hamlets' artist

Acme Studios, in partnership the Swan Foundation, is offering a 12-month residency to an artist who will develop a project or projects centred on Bow Cross, E3 in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The selected artist will receive a bursary of £10,000 and £10,000 towards project costs.



Bow Cross, E3. Photo: Acme Studios (2010)

The Bow Cross Artist Residency is the result of Acme's relationship with Swan Housing Group which began with the creation of the UK's first 100 percent mixed-use development at Leven Road, Poplar, E14. Opened in March 2009, Atelier Court combines 66 affordable housing units with 21 ground-floor affordable artists' studios.

From this successful partnership flowed an understanding of shared goals and purposes which led quite naturally to Acme being asked to propose a project - the Bow Cross Residency - to the newly-formed Swan Foundation, who agreed to provide funding. The partners will commission a local artist who has a strong professional track record of developing work which engages with local people.

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The application process is currently open until 5pm Friday 10 September 2010. For further information and to complete the online application process, please visit:

www.acme.org.uk/bowcross.php

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Founded by Jonathan Harvey and David Panton in 1972, Acme Studios is a London-based charity which provides affordable studio space, residencies and awards for non-commercial fine artists who are unable to afford to rent space on the open market. Acme was formed by artists in 1972 and is the largest organisation of its kind in the United Kingdom. It has helped over 5,000 artists with this fundamental means of support. Acme is recognised as the leading development agency for artists' working and living accommodation.

The Bow Cross Residency is part of our Residency, Awards & Community Programme currently providing 28 opportunities through a variety of studio residencies, work/live residencies and financial awards. Details of all the opportunities we offer can be found at

www.acme.org.uk/residencies.php.

Acme has pioneered new models of mixed-use developments with commercial house builders and social housing providers including:

- 50 studios at the Galleria, Peckham, SE15 with Barratt Homes.
- 21 studios at Leven Road, Poplar, E14 with Swan Housing Group.
- 12 studios at Harrow Road, NW10 with Catalyst Housing Group
- 15 studios at Stratford High Street, E15 with Genesis Housing Group (opens 2012).
- 49 studios at Lesney Toys Factory, Homerton, E9 with Telford Homes (opens 2012).

Acme currently manages over 400 studios in 12 buildings in eight London boroughs.

For further information about Acme Studios, see www.acme.org.uk or call 020 8981 6811.

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