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ACME ANNOUNCES ARTIST IN RESIDENCE FOR NEW LONDON STUDIOS

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Acme Studios, the UK's leading agency for artists' space is set to open a new studio development, in East London later this year. To celebrate and extend the value of the project, Acme has chosen its first artist in residence. He is Jan Hendrickse, a sound artist from London. Jan gains a free studio in Leven Road, London E14 (worth around £7,000) for two years along with a grant of £10,000 a year. He takes up residence at the end of 2008.

Jan originally trained as a classical musician, and now works increasingly as a sound artist and composer. During the residency he intends not only to develop his own practice, but working with local residents and community groups, he plans to explore the acoustic ecology of East London, employing listening as a way of investigating the sonic environment. Participants will be invited to take part in audio walks, recording sessions, workshops and discussions. The project aims to contrast the personal and cultural histories in East London with the changing industrial use of the area. These sessions will start in spring 2009, and anyone who wishes to register an interest can contact Acme for further details.

As Jan who is 42 says: *'This residency represents an amazing opportunity for me to develop my work. The project involves getting people to listen and respond to their environment. I'm interested in how buildings function sonically and will be investigating sounds in the area, in locations like churches and mosques, power stations and the Olympic site. All my work is underpinned by the practice of listening.'*

Acme's Co-Director Jonathan Harvey said: *'Not only will this residency help Jan to develop his work and give him a breathing space both physically and financially, but it will also give him the chance to forge significant relationships with local residents and the wider community. Choosing Jan was a unanimous panel decision and we are all excited by the prospect of working with him on the first residency.'*

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About the Leven Road Studios

The new-build studios are the result of a ground-breaking partnership with affordable housing provider, Swan Housing Association. Together they have created Atelier Court, Leven Road E14, a development consisting of 66 affordable housing units and 21 affordable studios. This will be the first-ever 100% affordable mixed-use scheme to offer both housing and studio space. The project will consist of a new four to eight storey building and is due for completion in November 2008, officially opening in spring 2009.

About Acme

Acme Studios is a London-based charity providing affordable studios and living space for over 500 artists. Established in 1972, Acme is recognised at the leading development organisation for artists' space in England and has supported over 5,000 artists with this practical, financial and creative breathing space. In response to the enormous demand it continues to pioneer the creation of affordable, high-quality, accessible and permanent space for artists, working in partnership with commercial and affordable housing developers and other agencies.

Through an expanding residency and awards programme it invests in artists' careers and in projects which provide direct community benefit. Acme receives revenue funding from Arts Council England.

For further information about Acme or how to take part in the sessions with Jan Hendrickse, see www.acme.org.uk or call 020 8981 6811.

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