

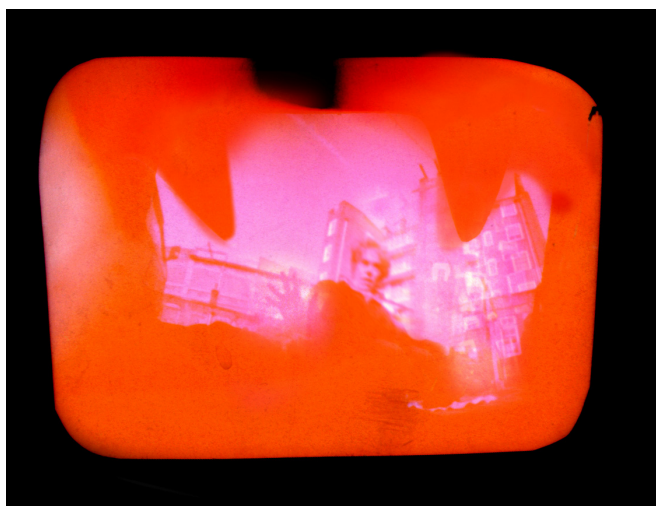
# Fire Station Centenary Open Weekend

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May



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*'Auto-Cannibal' Lindsay Seers and Matt's Gallery, 1998, photograph made in the mouth. Fire Station Work/Live Programme 1 (1997-2001)*

### INTRODUCTION

On 19 May 1911, a new fire station opened in Poplar, E14. One of the first built for motorised fire engines, the station served heavily-bombed East London during the Blitz of WWII.

This landmark listed building was decommissioned in the 1970s and purchased and converted in 1997 to become the permanent home of Acme Studios' Fire Station Work/Live Residency Programme.

Over 50 artists have already benefited from the residencies; the current Programme 4 (2010 - 2015) artists are: **Briony Anderson, Gemma Anderson, Kate Atkin, Jonathan Baldock, George Charman, Melanie Clifford, Susan Corke, Robin Footitt, Haroon Mirza, Matthew Noel-Tod, David Osbaldeston and Emma Smith**

To celebrate the building's centenary and its new life as the base for a major artists'

residency programme, the Fire Station will be opening its doors to the public. Former fireman and local MP Jim Fitzpatrick will unveil a plaque designed by former Fire Station artist Ben Cove to commemorate the occasion.

### WEEKEND EVENTS

The 12 residency artists, along with artists Julie Umerle, Andre Wallace and Richard Ducker on the ground floor, will be opening up their studios during the weekend with some of the artists responding to the centenary with new work. Refreshments will be available throughout.

#### Saturday 21 May, 12 noon-6 pm

##### **Briony Anderson and Sue Corke**

School photo of Fire Station artists past and present (6pm)

##### **Gemma Anderson**

Ping-Pong Tournament (continuous)

##### **Melanie Clifford**

Video and live sound piece [continuous and intermittent]

##### **Matthew Noel-Tod**

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##### **Emma Smith**

The Study and The Non-Emergency Services (continuous)

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### **Gemma Anderson**

Gemma Anderson will organise a table tennis tournament between the artists of the Fire Station, past and present, artists from other local studio groups and visitors to the studios over the weekend.

### **Briony Anderson and Sue Corke**

A group portrait in front of the building to commemorate and celebrate the Fire Station Centenary, incorporating as many artists as possible who have been part of the Fire Station Residency Programme since its inception.

### **Melanie Clifford**

Silent moving image projection and interactive sound work in the Fire Station stairwell, in collaboration with Resonance 104.4FM

### **Matthew Noel-Tod**

A new video installation presented in the artist's studio. Familiar structures from expanded cinema works are combined in new registers of literalism, representation and symbolism.

### **Emma Smith**

The Study will declare a state of non-emergency and will host *The Non-Emergency Services*: a work by Emma Smith in collaboration with Barry Sykes and Jessie Brennan. Visitors are invited to report non-emergencies to the station that will be responded to in a slow and reflective manner.

## **ABOUT ACME STUDIOS**

The Fire Station Work/Live Programme forms part of Acme's Residency, Awards and Community Programme which since its inception in 1997, has grown to be one of the most significant and direct means of supporting contemporary artists in the UK.

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## **PREVIOUS FIRE STATION ARTISTS**

### **Programme 3 (2005 - 2010)**

Kate Broad, Lisa Cheung, Ben Cove, Maggie Hills, Robert Holyhead, Lizzie Hughes, Riccardo Iacono, Samson Kambalu, Damien Roach, Jack Southern and Ming Wong.

### **Programme 2 (2001 - 2005)**

John Askew, Sonia Baka, Stephen Conning, Stevie Deas, Paul Harrison, Laurence Harvey, Kevin Heavey, Elizabeth LeMoine, Gordon McKenna, Pat Naldi, Hayley Newman, Stuart Parkinson, Tim Sanderson, Erika Tan and Aaron Williamson.

### **Programme 1 (1997 - 2001)**

Edward Allington, Helena Ben-Zenou, Gillian Blease, Paul Burwell, Martin Creed, Perminder Kaur, Thomas Kilpper, Kypros Kyprianou, Noel Paine, Marty St. James, Lindsay Seers, Virgil Tracy, Barbara Tyrrell and Joanna Woodward.

## **DIRECTIONS**

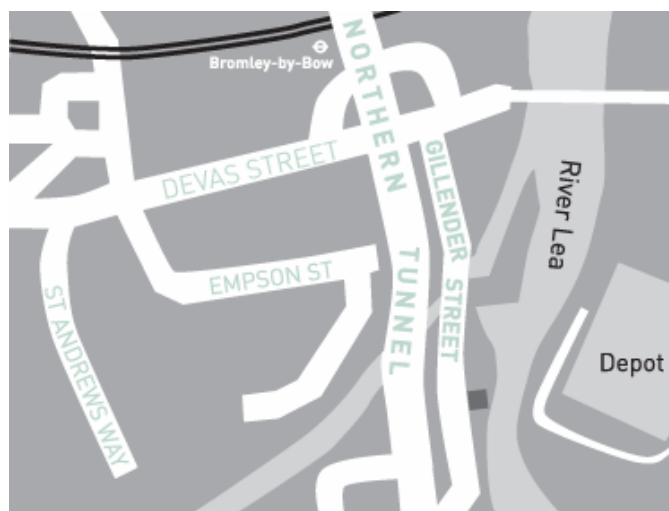
The Fire Station is on Gillender Street adjacent to the A12 Blackwall Tunnel Approach Road.

**Tube** Bromley-by-Bow and Langdon Park

**Bus** 108

**Car** Disabled parking onsite. On-street pay and display is available on nearby Leven Road.

**The Old Fire Station, 30 Gillender Street, London E14 6RH**



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