

UNEARTHED Carpenters Road Studios - The creative remains of a brownfield site

UNEARTHED is a new project by Neville Gabie, the Olympic Delivery Authority's Artist in Residence on the Olympic Park. *UNEARTHED* seeks to reveal the cultural history of the Carpenters Road artists' studios in the former Yardley's perfume factory, which now rests underneath the Aquatics Centre. These studios were managed by Acme and home to 500 artists between 1985 and 2001. A collaboration between Insite Arts, Acme, and many of the artists, *UNEARTHED* will be presented as an archive hosted by Ardmere Construction at Warton House, Yardley's former offices in Stratford High Street in **September 2011**.



Exterior of the Yardley's factory on Carpenters Road. Photo: John Riddy (1990)

We would very much like to invite as many previous Carpenters Road artists to be involved as possible, those whose work has been influenced by their experience of Carpenters Road but also simply to generate an opportunity for a gathering of artists with a past relationship with the studios.

If you were involved, or know someone who was involved with the Carpenters Road studios, we would very much like to hear from you.

For more information, please visit www.acme.org.uk/unearthed.php

Notes for editors

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. Acme has had a presence in Hackney for almost 40 years and manages 50 studios at Orsman Road, N1, the only permanent studio building in the borough. 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 (opens 2010)
- 15 studios at Stratford High Street, E15 with Genesis Housing Group (opens 2012).

In total, Acme manages over 400 studios in existing buildings across London.

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

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