

MEDIA RELEASE

AUTUMN 2009 AT TOYNBEE STUDIOS

Artsadmin's autumn programme at Toynbee Studios includes everything from Thursdays@Artsadmin to our new Weekenders; a series of intensive artists' workshops. There are also artists' showcases, one off special events and free events for young people.

Highlights include the return of White Rabbit's **Are you Sitting Comfortably?** storytelling nights with some new themes (we're especially looking forward to ghosts in December). The Arts Bar & Café is transformed into part fifties tearoom, part deranged children's party for an evening of cakes, sweets, treats, games, competitions and most importantly, imaginative new stories from new writers.

We also welcome back David Gale for a third season of his **Peachy Coochy Nites**, with yet more new talent taking on the 20-slides-for-20-seconds challenge, a format that is ruthlessly prescriptive, creatively liberating and mercifully short.

We have a series of one off events including a return (one night only) visit from **John Hegley**, a performance from **Chris Goode** of Kurt Schwitters' hugely influential sound poetry work *Ursonate*, plus events for artists and young people.

Our events for artists include the new **Weekender** workshops, led by artists including **Graeme Miller**, **Chris Goode** and **Blast Theory** plus three autumn showcases and Live Art Advisory Network's **Talking Shop** (a free advice and information event). And for young people there are chances to get involved with our Youth Board projects and Frantic Assembly's Ignition.

This autumn marks Artsadmin's 30th Birthday, and we're celebrating with events which show what we're all about; helping artists to develop new work, and offering audiences a chance to be a part of that process.

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LISTINGS INFORMATION

VENUE AND BOOKING DETAILS

Toynbee Studios

28 Commercial Street, London E1 6AB

Nearest tube Aldgate East

Available from Toynbee Studios box office: 020 7650 2350

Book online at www.artsadmin.co.uk (no booking fee)

David Gale's Peachy Coochy Nites

Described as 'just a minute for performance art buffs' six performers take on the challenge of presenting 20 slides for exactly 20 seconds each.

29 October, 26 November

7.30pm

Tickets £5

Artsadmin Weekenders

Monthly intensive workshops with artists renowned for their approaches to making, facilitation and participation.

26 & 27 September 09 (Graeme Miller)

24 & 25 October 09 (Stacy Makishi)

28 & 29 November 09 (Chris Goode)

30 & 31 January 10 (Lone Twin)

27 & 28 February 10 (Anne Bean)

27 & 28 March 10 (Blast Theory)

11am – 5pm, Saturday and Sunday

Tickets £60

Are you Sitting Comfortably?

Snuggle up under a blanket and enjoy free cakes and treats in White Rabbit's evening of original storytelling.

1 October, 5 November, 3 December

7.30pm

Tickets £5

Talking Shop

A free drop-in information and advice event for recent graduates working in live art and interdisciplinary performance practices.

8 October

7.30pm

FREE

John Hegley and friends

A rare chance to see acclaimed performance poet John Hegley perform in an intimate cabaret setting for just a fiver!

22 October

7.30pm

£5

Artists' Showcase: Heath Bunting

Bristol based artist and activist Heath Bunting talks through his ongoing River Avon Canoe project.

3 November

7pm

FREE

Chris Goode performs Kurt Schwitters' Ursonate

A rare live performance of Ursonate, one of the most significant sound poetry works of the 20th Century, plus works by Bob Cobbing, Samuel Beckett and Cathy Berberian.

7 November

8pm

Tickets £7 (£5 concessions)

Vagina Rex and the Gas Oven

Unfinished Histories stage a reading of Jane Arden's major play to mark its 40th anniversary. Followed by a roundtable discussion.

8 November

3pm

Tickets £8 (£6 concessions)

Artists' Showcase: Alia Syed

Alia Syed creates an environment in which the telling of a story is experienced by the audience as a sequence of sounds and images originating from projections.

10 November

12-8pm (artists' talk 6.30pm)

FREE

Artists' Showcase: Evangelia Basdekis

Over one day in a studio space Basdekis relentlessly sews the soles of her foot in an acute exploration of pain and politics, gradually creating the image of Mickey Mouse.

11 November

2-8pm

FREE

DOT DOT DASH DOT (. . - .)

A film night combining the old and the new, where a feature film provides the inspiration for short films from young film-makers.

19 November

7.30pm

FREE

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Full programme details can be found at www.artsadmin.co.uk/events

Toynbee Studios is Artsadmin's unique centre for the development and presentation of new work. The studios comprise a 280-seat theatre, five studio spaces and the Arts Bar & Café, all of which host performances and events throughout the year.

The programme aims to support artists producing new and innovative work in theatre, dance, live art, visual arts and mixed media. Toynbee Studios hosts a range of events, offering the chance to see works in development as well as touring and one-off events. There are also regular showcases, artists' talks and workshops.