

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW FUNDING FOR ARTSADMIN BURSARIES

JERWOOD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT ARTSADMIN'S 2012 BURSARY SCHEME AND NEW BURSARY COMMISSIONS

The Jerwood Charitable Foundation has awarded £25,000 to support Artsadmin's Bursary Scheme in 2012/13, including a fund enabling Artsadmin, for the first time ever, to commission new works by past bursary recipients.

The award will allow Artsadmin to run a round of the Bursary Scheme in late 2012, with an open application process through which seven artists will receive bursaries. Artsadmin will also commission and produce two new works by previous bursary recipients, enabling them to fully realise their ideas on a more ambitious scale.

Shonagh Manson, Director of the Jerwood Charitable Foundation commented;
"Given the challenging, and changing, funding context we are operating in, it has never been more important to secure the all-important ingredients of time and space for artists to explore and create. I am delighted that the Jerwood Charitable Foundation can play a part in supporting and enhancing Artsadmin's long-running Bursary Scheme."

Judith Knight, Director of Artsadmin, is in no doubt about the benefit that the commissioning fund will have;

"Offering this level of support to artists coming through our Bursary Scheme is something we've never been able to do before. We believe the opportunity to take their work to the next level will be immensely valuable, and are delighted that we will be able to bring the work of some hugely talented artists to a wider audience."

Since 1996 Artsadmin's Bursary Scheme has supported almost 200 artists including Zarina Bhimji, David Blandy and Zineb Sedira. Offering a unique package of time, space and money combined with mentoring and support, the Bursary Scheme focuses on creating a deep and productive relationship with each recipient. Each round of bursaries receives 200-300 applications for around £35,000 of funds.

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Artsadmin is based at Toynbee Studios and is a unique producing and presenting organisation for contemporary artists working in theatre, dance, live art, visual arts and mixed media, also offering various support services for artists, including a free advisory service, mentoring and development programmes and a number of bursary schemes. 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.

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Jerwood Charitable Foundation is dedicated to imaginative and responsible revenue funding of the arts; supporting artists and arts producers to develop and grow at important stages in their development. They work with artists across art forms from dance and theatre, to literature, music and the visual arts.

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