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Bow Open Studios is back, with renowned British sculptor Alex Chinneck announced to curate the 2017 Bow Open Show

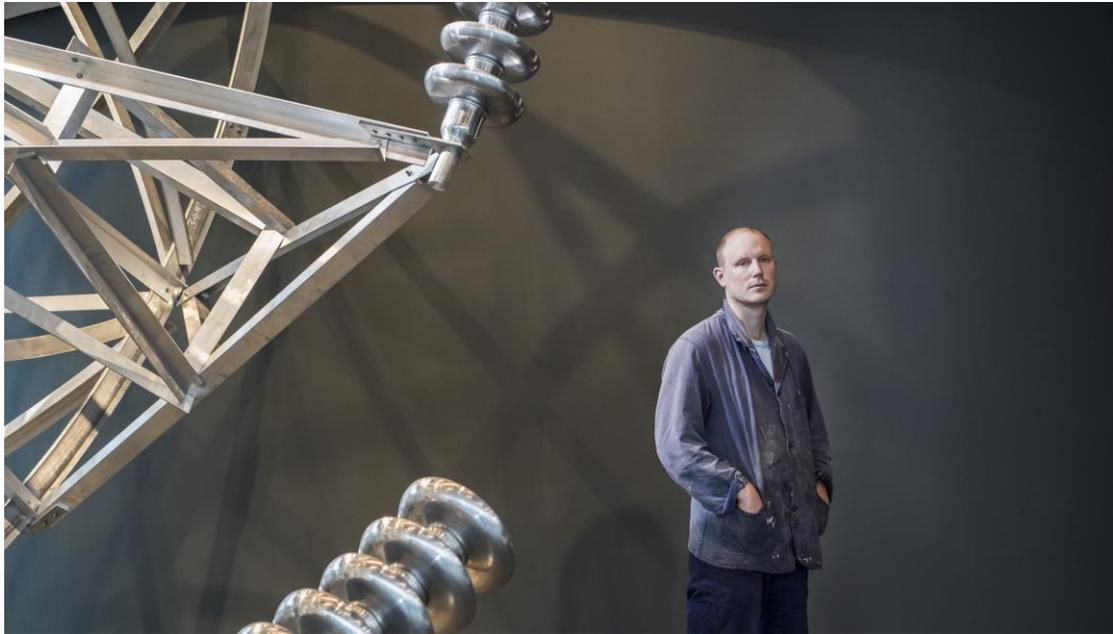


Image courtesy Alex Chinneck

Bow Open Studios: Friday 16 June 6-9pm & Saturday 17 June, 1-7pm
2017 Bow Open Show, curated by Alex Chinneck: 17 June – 27 August 2017

A highlight of the cultural calendar and one of the most vibrant and well attended arts events in London, Bow Arts' Open Studios is a fantastic opportunity for members of the public, curators and collectors to explore a diverse selection of work and to meet some of London's brightest artists, designers and makers. At their original Bow Road site, Bow Open Studios showcases over 150 artists.

The 2017 Bow Open Show launches alongside Open Studios in Bow Arts' Nunnery Gallery, who have announced this year's curator as renowned British sculptor Alex Chinneck. Chinneck will select work from Bow Arts' vast artist network, which numbers over 500 from 13 studio sites and its education programme. Looking forward to selection, Chinneck – who is known for his attention grabbing public art, most recently installing a frozen Christmas tree in King's Cross' Granary Square – commented,

"I hope to collate a conceptually accessible cross-disciplinary body of works that can be enjoyed by any onlooker, irrespective of their interest in the arts."

Bow Arts hosts a vibrant community of artists and makers and the Bow Open is a once-a-year opportunity to see a curated exhibition of some of their most exciting artists and a chance to celebrate the charity's work. The much-loved Bow Arts has been fostering talent and supporting artists through affordable workspace and opportunities since 1995. Inviting a guest curator to make the Bow Open selection builds a unique and different view point each year; previous curators include Mark Wallinger and Bob and Roberta Smith with Skye Sherwin. 2016 curator Anj Smith's celebrated show presented a powerful line-up that explored many of the very current issues provoking artists working today, including cross-cultural identity, gender and sexuality. Delighted to have Chinneck on board, Bow Arts are looking forward to seeing what his imaginative and playful approach to space will bring to the nineteenth-century Gothic arches of the Nunnery Gallery. With submissions now in, Chinneck's artist selection will be announced shortly.

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2016 Bow Road Open Studios. Image courtesy Bow Arts, photographer Rob Harris

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Notes to editors

Exhibition: Bow Open Studios / 2017 Bow Open Show

Dates: 16 & 17 June / 17 June – 27 August 2017 **Private view:** Friday 16 June 2017, 6-9pm

Address: Nunnery Gallery, 181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ

Opening Hours: Tues to Sun, 10am – 5pm **Admission:** Free

Website: www.bowarts.org/nunnery **Telephone:** +44 (0) 20 8980 7774 **Travel:** Bow Road Tube Station, Bow Church DLR

About Alex Chinneck

Uniting the disciplines of art, architecture, theatre and engineering, the work of British sculptor Alex Chinneck is monumental in ambition and impact, producing contextually responsive interventions that amplify and animate the place in which they stand. Chinneck is a graduate of Chelsea College of Art and a Board Member of the Royal British Society of Sculptors. His work has been featured extensively by international media with selected projects welcoming over one million visitors.

Bow Arts

Bow Arts Trust was established as an educational arts charity in 1995 and supports a community of over 500 artists with affordable, secure and creative workspaces. Bow Arts also runs the Nunnery Gallery, a contemporary art space which supports a diverse range of local, national and international exhibitions and events.

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