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Mark Wallinger selects 12 artists to exhibit in The Best of Bow Arts 2014

12-28 September, Bermondsey Project, SE1

Turner Prize winning artist Mark Wallinger has selected 12 artists to showcase in this year's renowned annual Bow Arts Open Show, to be held at Bermondsey Project in September 2014.

The chosen artists are: Silke Dettmers, Elena Dimitrova, Jean-Philippe Dordolo, Katherine Fishman, Anna Ilsley, Alyona Larionova, Robyn Litchfield, Kate Murray-Browne, Lucienne O'Mara, Vanessa Scully, Harriet Stripling and Jessica Wilson.

Representing the best of Bow Arts' studio, live/work and education artists, the Open exhibition changes format each year with a high profile guest curator, offering a platform for the best in visual, performance, conceptual and realist work from the thriving Bow Arts studio communities.

The artists selected by Mark Wallinger and Sarah Elson (Contemporary Art Society) span video, sculpture and works on canvas, and many of them are recent graduates at the outset of their artistic career.

Mark Wallinger commented: "Bow Arts is supporting a great array of artists through their affordable studio spaces, my selection was simple and clear cut. There is a strong vein of surreal imagery throughout the works in the show but I enjoyed their simple speculative narrative which develops into an interesting dialogue through the pieces we have selected."

Rosamond Murdoch, Gallery Director Bow Arts, said: "We are delighted that Mark Wallinger has selected from such a strong field for this landmark show, we're constantly inspired by the work that our artists produce, and it's been an honour to work with Mark on this bold exhibition."

Bermondsey Project, the venue for the exhibition, is a creative hub led by Crisis, the national charity for single homeless people, in partnership with Bow Arts and other organisations. As well as offering studio space run by Bow Arts for over 140 artists and creative practitioners, Bermondsey Project holds creative and vocational training courses for homeless and ex homeless people delivered by Crisis. A former pickle factory, the building will close for good in March 2015 and major redevelopment of the site will take place.

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Editors Notes

Exhibition Details

Mark Wallinger Presents: The Best of Bow Arts

12 September – 28 September 2014

Bermondsey Project Space, 46 Willow Walk, SE1 5SF

Opening hours: Wednesday – Sunday 1pm-6pm

Admission free

www.bermondseyproject.com

About the annual Bow Arts Open

The Bow Arts Open exhibition has been running for over ten years, showcasing the range of work produced by artists in the thriving studio communities. Mark Wallinger curates this year's show, joined by Sarah Elson, curator and trustee of the Contemporary Arts Society. Bow Arts has worked with a range of high profile guest curators in the past including Cullinan and Richards (2013), Bob and Roberta Smith (2012), Graham Norton (2002) and Mo Mowlam (2001).

About Mark Wallinger

Artist Mark Wallinger has been twice nominated for the Turner Prize, once in 1995 and again in 2007, when he won. He represented Britain at the Venice Biennale in 2001. His recent exhibitions include State Britain (Tate 2007), The Russian Linesman (Hayward Gallery 2009) Site at the Baltic Gateshead (2012), Metamorphosis, an Olympic commission for the Royal Ballet and the National Gallery (2012), and Labyrinth (2013), the largest commission to a single artist ever awarded for a work for every underground station, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the tube.

About Bow Arts

Bow Arts supports community renewal in east London. It was established as an educational arts charity in 1996 based in east London, where it supports a community of over 400 artists with affordable, secure, creative workspace in the heart of London's Artist Quarter. Alongside this, Bow Arts manages one of the country's most exciting education programmes, which takes world-class artists into schools to improve the lives and learning of children and young people.

Bow Arts runs the **Nunnery Gallery**, a contemporary art gallery, which supports a diverse range of local, national and international exhibitions and events as well as the delivery of public art commissions. www.bowarts.org

About Bermondsey Project

Bermondsey Project is a unique arts hub in South East London. Set up in 2010 by the homelessness charity Crisis in partnership with Bow Arts, it has now expanded to provide a base for London Sculpture Workshop, London Community Furniture, Art Hub Deptford, over 140 artists studios, a gallery and cinema and Crisis Skylight Bermondsey – an arts and vocational college for ex homeless people.

It is a truly collaborative venture that has become one of London's most vital arts communities and a key player in the cultural renaissance of Bermondsey. The gallery presents a varied programme of exhibitions and events throughout the year promoting emerging artists and group shows alongside exhibitions that focus on issues around social exclusion. www.bermondseyproject.com

About Crisis

Crisis is the national charity for single homeless people. Their purpose is to end homelessness. Crisis helps people rebuild their lives through housing, health, education and employment services. They work with thousands of homeless people across the UK and have ambitious plans to work with many more. They are also determined campaigners, working to prevent people from becoming homeless and to change the way society and government think and act towards homeless people.

They work with homeless people in eight regions across the UK. Crisis worked with 6,234 people through its Crisis education services and 4,158 guests at Crisis at Christmas. Over the past four years Crisis has supported local organisations to find 8,123 people a new place to call home. www.crisis.org.uk

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