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## Bowfest: Open Studios 2023 kicks off at Bow Road in June



Credit: Rob Harris

### **Friday 16 June 6–9pm | Saturday 17 June 11am–5pm 2023**

Bow Arts are once again throwing open their doors for Bowfest: Open Studios, Bow Road's much-anticipated annual event!

Guests are invited inside over 90 studios across the iconic [Bow Road site](#), the charity's first and biggest studio site. Inside, artists curate micro galleries, set-up stalls, or display their practice to the public. This is a once-a-year opportunity to meet our community of over 100 talented painters, sculptors, theatre makers, product designers, performers, jewellers, fashion designers, illustrators and more living and working in east London.

With live music and free family workshops, refreshments as well as food and drink stalls by our Nunnery Café, Bowfest is an event for all ages. The Bow Arts Courtyard will host a makers' market where you can browse locally made art and gifts, and an accessible quiet space will be available on the day.

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Right next door to the courtyard is Bow Arts' flagship Nunnery Gallery. *Lucy Orta Traces: Stories of Migration* partners with [London College of Fashion's Making for Change](#) to showcase a collaboration between over 80 local residents of Tower Hamlets and Newham and international artist Lucy Orta. The exhibition is an exchange textile knowledge that offers insight into the diversity of first and second-generation migration histories woven into the landscape of east London.



Credit: Rachel Cherry

All artwork, in the studios, the gallery, and the café will also be available to buy using [Own Art](#), the affordable art scheme that enables buyers to spread the cost of an artwork across 10 interest-free instalments.

More studios run by Bow Arts across London will be open across the summer following this event. For the first time, visitors will be able to look inside [Three Waters](#), our brand new studio site down the road from Bow Road Studios.

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### **Notes to Editors**

Dates & Times: Friday 16 June, 6–9pm (market stalls & music until 10pm); Saturday 17 June, 11am–5pm

Admission: Free

Address: Bow Arts, 181–3 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ

Travel: Bow Road Tube Station, Bow Church DLR

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### **About Bow Arts**

We create inspirational, supportive environments where artists and communities interact, learn and flourish. Since 1994, Bow Arts has nurtured London's diverse creativity and talent. We've provided artists and creative practitioners with affordable workspace, connecting them with local communities and supporting their professional development. We give communities throughout London greater access to and interaction with the arts, through our schools programme, workshops, exhibitions and events. We're an arts and education charity and a social enterprise; our services support the growth of sustainable local creative economies. Over 500 artists, designers and makers are affiliated with Bow Arts through our workspace, affordable housing for creatives, and award-winning schools and young people's learning programme.