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Lakeside Centre Open Studios come to Thamesmead this September



Credit: Alberto Romano

Saturday 16 September 2023 | 12-6pm

The 38 artist studios inside the Lakeside Centre will be open to the public for Bow Arts' upcoming open studios.

The event is taking place as part of Open City's Open House Festival, celebrating our curiosity for what happens inside the buildings that we walk past every day. The iconic brutalist building was recently nominated for a Pineapple award for its sustainable creative retrofit, and has also featured as the backdrop for films such as *A Clockwork Orange* and the TV series *Misfits*.

The occasion offers the unique opportunity to connect with talented artists and experience their incredible works up close. As well as a workshop led by studio artists, delicious food and drinks will be available at this family friendly community event. Music will be played by DJs from RTM.FM, a community radio station supporting experimental music and audio cultures run by artist led space TACO!



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Alongside the open studios, photographer Amanda Eatwell's exhibition *Getting to Know You* will be on display in the Lakeside Centre's rooftop project space. The exhibition showcases portraits of the artists based here at Lakeside, many of whom live in the neighbourhood and work locally with schools and within community-group settings.

Downstairs in the café, visitors can see a group exhibition featuring work from Bow Arts artists residing in Thamesmead.

More studios run by Bow Arts across London will be open following the Lakeside Centre's Open Studios, including a first look inside Bow Arts' newly opened studio site [Three Waters](#).

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Notes to Editors

Dates & Times: Saturday 16 September, 12-6pm

Admission: Free

Address: Lakeside Centre, Bazalgette Way, London SE2 9AN

Travel: Abbey Wood (National Rail, Thameslink)

Bus 117, 180, 229, 401, 472, 601, 602, 669, N1

Parking available on Bazalgette Way

Bike shed on site.

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



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through our workspace, affordable housing for creatives, and award-winning schools and young people's learning programme.