

Press release

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## The Adrian Carruthers Studio Award 2006 recipient is announced

Now in its fifth year, The Adrian Carruthers Studio Award has been given to Slade School of Art graduate Nicola Wallis, who receives a free studio space and a bursary of £5,000 for one year.

Supported by Acme Studios and individual donations, this award was established in 2002, in memory of artist and Slade graduate Adrian Carruthers, who died in 2001 at the age of 40.

Nicola will work in The Adrian Carruthers Studio at Acme's Childers Street Studios in Deptford, South East London, where Adrian had a studio. Her work was selected by a team including Slade Professor John Aitken and the artist Paul Winstanley. She says:

"I am both honoured and privileged to be this year's Adrian Carruthers Studio Award holder. This fantastic studio and bursary will allow me precious space, time and financial assistance which are all vital for the development of my work, research and ideas.

"By allowing me to continue my development from student status, the award serves as an essential link in my professional development which may have been stalled or otherwise not possible.

"During the past two years at the Slade, I have pursued the idea of paint as a material rather than just a medium and the notion of a painting being an object. My work has both painting and sculptural concerns within it. Making my own paint from a wide range of viscous/fluid materials, I have explored the idea of paint forming its own surface and have investigated how a painting might become its own support and content.

"I intend to use The Adrian Carruthers Studio Award to continue to develop this ambitious and unique collection of work and ideas. The studio will also give me an excellent opportunity to present my work professionally and hopefully lead on to exhibition possibilities."

Thanks to generous donations from supporters, enough has been raised to allow the award to continue for another two years. Additional funds are always needed to secure the legacy of this award for the future. If you would like to help a young artist, please send donations made payable to: 'The Adrian Carruthers Memorial Fund' c/o Acme Studios, 44 Copperfield Road, London, E3 4RR.

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Adrian Carruthers Studio Award winner, Nicola Wallis

### **Notes to Editors**

- 430 studios managed by other studio organisations in London are at risk over the next 10 years from rising land values and new development schemes
- Established by artists in 1972, Acme have helped over 5,000 artists with affordable studio and living space
- For details of Nicola's work, visit: [www.nicolawallis.com](http://www.nicolawallis.com)

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