

Third recipient of important artist's residency announced

Acme Studios in partnership with Southwark Council and the South London Gallery is delighted to announce the third Southwark Studio Residency holder: **K Yoland**. Established in 2006, the residency programme is the only scheme in the UK that provides a selected artist with a rent-free studio for 18 months (worth £5,200), a £10,000 cash bursary and professional mentoring and support. The residency is a unique opportunity for an artist who wishes to develop or extend their practice to embrace and reflect the context and the communities in which the studio is located.



'Small Hard Toys' by K Yoland

K Yoland plans to use the residency to work towards a multi-media installation involving performance. Yoland recently moved into the residency studio at Acme's new-build Galleria studios in Peckham and explains, "The Acme studio is perfect for my multi-disciplinary approach, I am very appreciative of the opportunity to have space to make and plan my work. I now feel that there is more flexibility to experiment and challenge the limits of each project."

From 79 applications for the residency, eight candidates were shortlisted for interview by a panel comprising Coral Flood (Arts Manager, Southwark Council), Dryden Goodwin (independent artist), Jonathan Harvey (Chief Executive, Acme Studios) and Simon Parris (Programme Manager, South London Gallery).

The two previous recipients of the Southwark Residency are Ana Laura Lopez de La Torre (2008-09) and Isa Suarez (2006-07).

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Biography – K Yoland

Multi-media artist based in London. Work includes photography, video, performance and multi-media installation.

Yoland's work investigates the nature of identity, power and interaction both in society at large and more locally in communities. This can involve a wide range of participants, for example, the general public, trained performers (actors and dancers), Olympic sports-players, musicians and computer programmers. This year she has directed dancers within a three-hour video installation in Copenhagen (looking at Western popular culture and Western relationships to televised war) and last autumn she was working across New York City with people she met on the street (investigating the American Dream with photography and text). Previous to New York, she was working in 21 jobs in Paris for a project concerning identity and environment (documented by photography).

Screenings, exhibitions and performances have taken place at international venues. This year she has been in group shows in London, Wales, Copenhagen and New York.

Yoland is currently shooting (photos and video) for 'Look Closer' a solo exhibition in two parts (with off-site video) commissioned by the Tricycle Gallery. Private View 10 November, Part One: 11 November to 10 December 2010. Part Two: 15 December 2010 to 15 January 2011.

www.kyoland.com

Acme Studios

Founded by Jonathan Harvey and David Panton in 1972, Acme Studios is a London-based charity that provides artists with affordable studios and living space, residencies and awards. Our expanding Residency, Awards & Community Programme will support over 30 artists this year through the provision of rent-free studios, bursaries, mentoring and professional support. Many of the artists on residency programmes provide public benefit through their engagement with local communities.

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- 12 studios at Harrow Road, NW10 with Catalyst Housing Group
- 27 studios at Stratford High Street, E15 with Genesis Housing Group (opens 2012).
- 49 studios at Lesney Toys Factory, Homerton, E9 with Telford Homes (opens 2012).

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