

## Major boost for long-running award for graduate artists

Acme Studios is delighted to announce that a major donation has secured the future of the **Adrian Carruthers Award**.

Initiators and long-time supporters of the award, Sir Colin Lucas and Mary Louise Hume (step-father and mother of Adrian Carruthers), have made a significant donation to which The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has provided a matching gift. This significantly increases the fund which has been secured to date. Acme Studios is committed to making this valuable award an enduring one, and these generous contributions will mean that the award's future is assured for the foreseeable future.

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the award which was created by friends and family in memory of artist Adrian Carruthers, a former Acme tenant and graduate of the Slade School of Art, who died in October 2001 at the age of 40. The current recipient of the Adrian Carruthers Award is sculptor **Luke McCreadie**.

The annual award provides a selected student from the Slade School of Art, University College London with a £5,000 bursary and a large, purpose-designed studio rent-free for a year. To date 15 artists have benefited from this award which has provided a successful model for other graduate awards. Acme currently provides awards for four graduates at its Childers Street building in Deptford, each with a cash bursary and rent-free studio space.

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### Notes for editors

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. Acme manages over 400 studios in 12 buildings across London. 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. For further information, please contact Jack Fortescue, Communications Officer at:

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