

## **New Manager appointed to run Acme Studios' International Agency Programme**

We are delighted to announce that **Lea O'Loughlin** has been appointed to run our International Agency Programme. Established in 1987, the programme enables foreign governments and cultural agencies to offer their artists major residencies in London. Currently working with seven agencies from Australia, Germany, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland, Acme manages properties on their behalf and acts as a host for over 20 visiting artists each year.

Lea will start with us in September. She is currently Studio Manager at The Florence Trust, London, where in collaboration with the Director she has managed their residency programme. Originally from South Australia, where she completed her BA in Visual Arts in 1997, she was Curator and Studios Co-ordinator at Adelaide Central Gallery. In August 2002 she relocated to London for study and professional development and undertook an MA in Contemporary Art at Sotheby's Institute of Art as well as taking on a variety of roles (both paid and voluntary) at Tate, Gasworks and Cubitt Gallery and Studios.

This new post has arisen following a review of our activities generally and provides the potential for further development of what is a unique and distinguished international cultural programme.

All the residencies are based in East London, an area which has become a centre for visual artists' studios and galleries. Through this programme international governments and cultural agencies can offer artists a working period abroad, helping not just the individual, but also the organisation in implementing their national cultural policies within a London context.

We currently work with: Zuger Kulturstiftung Landis & Gyr (Switzerland), Australia Council for the Arts, Hessische Kulturstiftung (Germany), IASPIS (Sweden), Aargauer Kuratorium (Switzerland), The Swiss Federal Office of Culture (BAK) and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal).

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## **Notes to Editors:**

**Acme Studios** is a London-based charity providing affordable studios and living space for artists, thus supporting art and artists at the most fundamental level of research, development and production. Acme is recognised at the leading development organisation for affordable artists' space in England. Acme has supported over 5,000 artists with this practical, financial and creative breathing space. Acme receives revenue funding from Arts Council England.

Through an expanding residency and awards programme we invest in artists' careers and in projects which provide direct community benefit. In response to the enormous demand we continue to pioneer the creation of affordable, high-quality, accessible and permanent space for artists, working in partnership with commercial and affordable housing developers and other agencies.