

JERWOOD MAKERS OPEN

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Jerwood Makers Open Call for Entries 2012

Artists from across making disciplines are invited to submit proposals for Jerwood Makers Open, a £37,500 exhibition and commissioning opportunity from Jerwood Visual Arts (JVA).

Jerwood Makers Open is designed to commission and showcase new work by emerging artists working in the applied arts. Five commissions of £7,500 will be awarded to artists to create new work, which will be exhibited as part of the JVA programme at Jerwood Space, London. Artists will be chosen by an independent selection panel and must be UK resident and within 10 years of graduating or setting up their practice. Closing date for entries is 7 November 2011.

Launched in 2010, Jerwood Makers Open has been developed to create a space in which to recognise and celebrate the significance of making practice and process within contemporary visual arts. This initiative offers makers at the early stages of their careers an opportunity to develop their creative ideas independently of specific commissioning structures.

Jerwood Visual Arts, developed and managed by the Jerwood Charitable Foundation, is committed to supporting and promoting contemporary applied arts practice. The Jerwood Applied Arts Prize ran for 11 years (1996 – 2007) in partnership with the Crafts Council. This was followed from 2008 to 2010 by Jerwood Contemporary Makers, a nominated exhibition series which provided a platform to show new and emergent work in the field of making.

The Jerwood Makers Open exhibition will open within Jerwood Visual Arts at Jerwood Space, London, in summer 2012, before touring in the UK.

More information about the initiative and details of how to apply can be found at www.jerwoodvisualarts.org or by following twitter.com/JerwoodJVA

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Notes to editors

Jerwood Makers Open is part of Jerwood Visual Arts (JVA), a contemporary gallery programme of awards, exhibitions and events at Jerwood Space, London, and on tour nationally. JVA supports and showcases the work of talented emerging artists across the disciplines of drawing, painting, sculpture, applied arts, photography and moving image. It also aims to make connections and provoke conversations within and across disciplines. JVA is a major initiative of the Jerwood Charitable Foundation. For more information visit www.jerwoodvisualarts.org

The Jerwood Charitable Foundation is dedicated to imaginative and responsible funding of the arts, supporting artists to develop and grow at important stages in their careers. They work with artists across art forms, from dance and theatre to literature, music and the visual arts. For more information visit www.jerwoodcharitablefoundation.org