

## JERWOOD VISUAL ARTS

### Third Writer in Residence announced

Jerwood Visual Arts (JVA) is delighted to announce that the third JVA Writer in Residence is **Chris Fite-Wassilak**.

Chris will begin his four month residency in September 2011 and will critically respond to *Jerwood Drawing Prize* (14 September - 28 October) and *Jerwood Encounters: Terra* (8 November - 11 December) exhibitions. He will work primarily on the JVA blog ([blog.jerwoodvisualarts.org](http://blog.jerwoodvisualarts.org)), posting thoughts and essays that open up wider contextual debate surrounding the issues and themes raised in the JVA programme with a focus on national and international issues and trends. For more information on the exhibitions visit [www.jerwoodvisualarts.org](http://www.jerwoodvisualarts.org)

Chris is an independent curator, freelance writer and art critic. Working with artists across a wide range of media, he has organised exhibitions within temporary sites, artist-run spaces and large national institutions. He is a regular contributor to Frieze, Art Monthly, ArtPapers, ArtReview, the Visual Artists Newsletter Ireland and Circa; his writing has also appeared in FlashArt International, Artforum.com, and Art and Australia. He was the cofounder and editor of *This Way Up* a free, collaborative comic and curatorial project in Dublin (2004-2006) and is a member of AICA UK. Chris has forthcoming reviews in the September issues of Frieze and Art Monthly including: 'Narrative Show' Art Monthly, issue 349, 'Rain', Art Monthly, issue 349, 'Over Your Cities Grass Will Grow,' Frieze 141.

The JVA Writer in Residence scheme has been created to give emerging writers the opportunity to develop their critical and creative skills and to provoke wider thought and discussion around the JVA exhibitions.

The JVA blog is curated and managed by Sarah Williams, Jerwood Visual Arts Coordinator.

#### **Notes to Editors**

**Gallery address:** JVA at Jerwood Space, 171 Union St, SE1 0LN  
**Opening Times:** Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm  
Sat & Sun 10am - 3pm  
**Admission:** Free  
**Nearest tube:** Southwark, London Bridge or Borough

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**Jerwood Visual Arts (JVA)** is a contemporary gallery programme of awards, exhibitions and events at Jerwood Space, and on tour nationally. JVA promotes and celebrates the work of talented emerging artists across the disciplines of drawing, painting, sculpture, applied arts,

photography and moving image. A major initiative of the Jerwood Charitable Foundation.  
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The **Jerwood Charitable Foundation** is dedicated to imaginative and responsible revenue funding of the arts, supporting emerging artists to develop and grow at important stages in their careers. The aim of their funding is to allow artists and arts organisations to thrive; to continue to develop their skills, imagination and creativity with integrity. 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](http://www.jerwoodcharitablefoundation.org)