

Jamaica Street Studios 2012

Open Studio Press Release



Jamaica Street Artists (JSA) annual Open Studio event attracts scores of visitors each year and has become an essential part of the Bristol creative calendar. Now in its nineteenth year, JSA will once again throw open their doors over the weekend of **8th - 10th June** enabling the public to look around the variety of creative studios and engage with the 42 resident artists.

This year, JSA have been exploring their international links through their resident artists in the studio. They are highlighting these relationships through a series of cultural exchanges. This year sees the inclusion of five exciting and diverse artists from Argentina whose work in some way focuses on alternate realities. Artists include Lucila Bisione, whose delicate paper cut reliefs portray a surreal world of anthropomorphic creatures, former British Council award holder Gabriel Glaiman, whose collage paintings describe ideas of myth and the transcendent, Dan Waisman with his vibrant mixed media depictions of flora and fauna, renowned illustrator Nicolas Bolasini, and internationally exhibited graphic designer Tooco.

The Open Studios provides a chance to experience work by some of Bristol's best emerging and established artists and the opportunity to own a piece of original artwork. JSA Open Studio's traditional mini canvas auction has been enhanced this year by allowing aspiring art collectors the opportunity to preview all of the canvases online one month before and throughout the Open Studio weekend, before the live auction on Sunday at 4pm.

The Open Studio weekend will be the only opportunity to see the artists of JSA exhibit as a collective this year, as they prepare for a series of exciting and high profile public events next year to mark their Twentieth anniversary. Having built on an enviable creative reputation over the last few years, this year's JSA Open Studios is an unmissable event and a wonderful opportunity to take a peek behind the frontage of their iconic building.



Private View: Friday 8th June 6-9pm / **Open Studios:** Saturday 9th 11-6pm– Sunday 10th June 11-4pm
Mini Canvas Auction: Sunday 10th June 4pm

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