



## Four Corners announces artists in residence

Four Corners is delighted to announce David Birkin, Walter Hugo, and Tess Hurrell as the artists selected for Lab Projects, its new, production-led residency programme in film and/or photography.

The artists will develop new work at Four Corners from June to November 2012. The programme is funded through the Arts Council's Grants for the Arts programme.

David Birkin will develop a new body of film and photographic work, which refers to ideas of subjectivity, visibility and constructed identity in the context of representations of war.

Walter Hugo will produce a series of hand-tinted ferotypes of local 'street kids', using a room size camera in Four Corners' gallery, with a 19<sup>th</sup> century giant lens. The long camera exposures will present the subjects in a new and unusual format.

Tess Hurrell will create a moving image piece, comprised of photographs in and around Hackney's waterways, to be printed in Four Corners' darkroom.

The projects were selected by an external panel comprising Stephen Gill, photographer; Gayle Chong Kwan, artist; and Gill Henderson, Chair of the Lux. Gill Henderson said: "*I think you have the makings of a very exciting artistic process and exhibition.*"

Development Director, Carla Mitchell said, "*We are inviting artists to take an innovative approach to using our facilities and testing out new practice. We had over 150 applications, which demonstrates how much demand there is for this kind of practice-based support. Four Corners lost its core grant from the Arts Council as part of the recent funding cuts, so this project is vital to enable us to continue to build our vision of an integrated film and photographic hub for London and beyond.*"

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### **Notes for editors**

Four Corners is London's centre for production and training in film and photography, enabling a wide range of people to achieve their potential through its unique facilities. It is committed to promoting artistic participation and to inspiring work that wouldn't otherwise happen.

For nearly 40 years Four Corners has fostered a culture of artistic excellence in a unique environment where Turner Prize shortlistees and award-winning artists work alongside newcomers to creative production. Four Corners supports over 500 people through specialist training, production, education and exhibition projects every year, alongside subsidised access to cutting-edge filmmaking facilities and some of London's best professional darkrooms.

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### **Artists in residence**

David Birkin is a photographer whose work is informed by the history of photography and its relationship to contemporary art performance. <http://www.davidbirkin.co.uk/>

Tess Hurrell is a London based photographic artist, whose work has been exhibited and published in the UK and internationally. <http://tesshurrell.com/>

Walter Hugo is a photographer who works with some of the earliest photography techniques, to produce entirely new images. <http://walterhugo.co.uk/index.html>

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