

COCKPIT ARTS

MADE IN CAMDEN

The Mayor of Camden visits designer-makers at Cockpit Arts

Press Release, 11 April 2008, London: The Mayor of Camden, Councillor Dawn Somper visited Cockpit Arts today and spoke out about the vital contribution that designer-makers at Cockpit Arts make to the character and economy of the Borough.

Located in the borough of Camden for over 15 years, Cockpit Arts is a registered charity and the UK's only creative business incubator for designer-makers. It is home to over 100 creative talents designing and producing unique and stunning work in Camden - from silver, metalwork, jewellery, ceramics, glass, and fashion accessories; to furniture, lighting, soft furnishings, objet d'art, plastics and resins. Cockpit Arts supports designers by providing affordable studio spaces as well as professional development and business mentoring.



The Mayor of Camden, Councillor Dawn Somper said today:

“Camden benefits greatly in a myriad of ways from the healthy operation of craft and design businesses – we seem blessed in Camden with such a great wealth of talent in the area – as they make a vital contribution to the character and economy of the borough.

I know that Cockpit Arts is providing much needed employment, and is already attracting many visitors from home and overseas to its Open Studios events.”

Chief Executive of Cockpit Arts Vanessa Swann (pictured top right) introduced the Mayor (pictured centre) to designer-makers including acclaimed jewellery designer Jane Adam (pictured bottom left), renowned shoemakers carrédrucker (Jim Drucker pictured bottom-right), successful ceramicist Annette Bugansky (pictured top left) and hat maker for the stars Yasmin Rizvi.

Cockpit Arts is open to the public on 14-15 June 2008, 11am-6pm, for a special free Open Studios event. Visitors can see behind the scenes, meet the makers and buy or commission original pieces. There will also be spectacular live demonstrations, a 'pop up' café by Kennard's Good Foods and a treasure hunt for children. Cockpit Arts, Cockpit Yard, Northington Street, London, WC1N 2NP. Further information can be found on www.cockpitarts.com

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