

COCKPIT ARTS

Christmas Open Studios 2009

Buy your gifts direct from designer-makers at Cockpit Arts.



Press Release, 6 Aug 2009: Come to Cockpit Arts Open Studios and get into the festive spirit by buying your Christmas gifts direct from the talented designer-makers who've created them. You will find perfect presents, fashion accessories, homeware, decorations and more from £5 - £5,000.

See behind the scenes in the studios, meet designer-makers over a glass of mulled wine and enjoy festive attractions. We have creative fun and games for little ones - such as decorating Christmas birds with Abigail Brown - as well as a prize draw to win a Cockpit Christmas Tree decorated with bespoke ornaments by makers, a stunning Alumni showcase and Pop-up Cafés serving festive fare.

Open Studios is part of Cockpit Arts' Maker Difference campaign to raise awareness of and support for independent designer-maker businesses that create exceptional work in the UK. Log onto www.cockpitarts.com/makerdifference and find out more.

Cockpit Arts Holborn

Fri 27 November (11am - 9pm), Sat 28 November- Sun 29 November (11am – 6pm)
Cockpit Yard, Northington Street, London, WC1N 2NP.
Tubes: Holborn, Russell Square & Chancery Lane.

Cockpit Arts Deptford

Fri 4 December (11am - 9pm), Sat 5 December – Sun 6 December (11am – 6pm)
18-22 Creekside, London, SE8 3DZ.
Tubes/Trains: Greenwich Cutty Sark, Deptford Bridge & Deptford DLR

For maps, directions and disabled access: www.cockpitarts.com, 020 7419 1959
Entry £5 joint ticket or £3 Deptford only. Free entry for children under 15
Free entry at Deptford on Friday 4 December

For information and images please contact josie@cockpitarts.com or call 020 7430 2949

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Editors Notes

Cockpit Arts is a social enterprise and the UK's only creative-business incubator for designer-makers. It is a renowned hotbed of creative talent, helping 165 resident designer-makers to grow their businesses and hundreds more through professional development workshops and seminars. www.cockpitarts.com.

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Images Left to Right:

Gweek Hot Water Bottle in 100% superfine Scottish lamb's wool, by Row Pinto, £45.00, www.rowpinto.com, Cockpit Arts Deptford

Row brings traditional British country knitwear to town with a modern and eccentric twist. She uses only the finest quality British yarns and each piece in the collection is designed and handcrafted. Row has designed knitwear pieces for international design houses including Marc Jacobs, Donna Karan, Nicole Farhi, Sonia Rykiel, Cacharel and Jasper Conran.

Recycled Notebooks covered in printed reclaimed vintage scarves by Tamasyn Gambell, £15, www.tamasyngambell.com, Cockpit Arts Holborn

Tamasyn creates luxurious silk scarves and accessories that don't cost the earth. She uses environmentally friendly techniques and materials, such as non-pollutant dyes, silks from an Indian welfare project and recycled packaging. Tamasyn's printed textile designs have featured in the houses of Louis Vuitton and Sonia Rykiel.

3 Edge Bangle in 18ct yellow gold by Jo Hayes Ward, POA, www.johayes.com, Cockpit Arts Deptford

Jo Hayes Ward creates intricate sculptural pieces that have an architectural aesthetic. Her award winning designs include spherical and oval forms that on close inspection dissolve into a lace like filigree of shimmering cubes; striking gold and diamond rings that seamlessly interlock, and bold three-dimensional brooches in silver, aluminium and matt stainless steel. Jo works to commission from her Deptford studio and exhibits at various UK and international galleries.

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