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PHOENIX STUDIO AWARD 2027



The Phoenix Studio Award offers one year of support through rent–free studio space and other opportunities, to artists from under-represented groups and who experience intersecting forms of discrimination.

Developed in response to the need for affordable workspaces, the award aims to help artists to connect in a supportive studio environment. We want to facilitate creative possibilities, risk–taking, experimentation and exchange. As a Studio Award holder, the artist will be part of the wider network of artists at Phoenix Art Space.

The award has been established to celebrate talent, individuality, and original thinking within contemporary art practice. It aims to increase and strengthen equitable representation and amplify artistic voices from underrepresented groups to fully reflect the diversity of Brighton and Hove's population.

As a charity, one of our purposes is to promote equality and diversity in the arts. We aim to fulfil this objective by providing exhibition and studio space to those in need because of their age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or financial hardship.

In order to assess eligibility for this award, we need to gather certain information from you, some of which is sensitive. Our aim is to further our charitable objectives and your responses will allow us to review your application. We collect this information in line with our Data Protection Policy, which can be found here.

Quote from previous Award winner Laura Morgan: "The Phoenix Award allowed me the time, space and creative support to take my artistic practice to a place I had not known before. I have a deeper understanding of what I am creating as an artist and as a human being. I have tools to deal with the doubt that arises, and for once believe in myself as an artist, all of this is in thanks to those at Phoenix. I am forever indebted to the award and all who supported me through that year. I would not be the artist I am today without having had that amazing experience."

The Award will be allocated based on talent and need. The applications will be reviewed by a selection panel. We aim to give feedback to any artist requesting it.

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The one–year programme of support includes:

Studio Space
A rent–free workspace at Phoenix Art Space (central Brighton) for one year. Starting in March 2027, the studio has 24–hour access. **Please note the studio access is via stairs with no available lift.**

Opportunities
- Taking part in the annual Open Studios in May, providing access to local and national arts audiences
- A studio Visit with Phoenix Executive Director
- A Window Gallery Exhibition to conclude the time spent in the studio and present the body of work produced (if appropriate)
- A Q&A session as part of the Window Gallery exhibition opening
- Promotion on our website

Support
Phoenix Art Space has an Access Fund, with which to support our Studio Award holder (e.g. BSL interpretation costs, contribution to the cost of a personal carer). Please note that specific access needs should be outlined in your application. We appreciate that this can change and we are open to adapting to what you might need over the course of the year.

Our Studio Manager works at Phoenix Art Space two days/week on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and all day Friday, and provides support to all of our artists and award holders, regarding the management of their studios.

How to Apply
Please email the following to our Studio Manager kateneave@phoenixartspace.org

Please include the following as attachments:

1. **A completed application form**
2. **Documentation of your work:**

    - 6 x images of your recent work, sent as individual JPEGS (please name each file as YOUR NAME & TITLE OF WORK)
      OR
    - If your work is video, film or performance based, you may send:

    a) A showreel video file
    b) A maximum of 3 x MP4 files
    c) A link to your video portal (e.g. Vimeo)/your website (please include passwords where necessary)

3. **An artwork title list**, including: TITLE, DATE, MEDIUM, SIZE
4. **An Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form*** - This can be found at https://forms.gle/XaSqwDra9HwtLXsK8, or emailed on request.

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*Phoenix Art Space is committed to an equal opportunities policy in its practices with the aim of ensuring that everyone who applies to us receives fair treatment. To help us achieve this aim we ask you to complete the monitoring form and enclose it within your application email. This information will be used to monitor the effectiveness of our Equal Opportunities Policy and is not used as part of the assessment process.

We are committed to making our opportunities accessible to all and supporting those facing barriers to apply. If you would prefer to apply through an alternative process or media (for example an audio application or video application in BSL or English), or if you have any questions prior to applying, please contact our Studio Manager, Kate Neave, via **kateneave@phoenixartspace.org** / **01273 603700** to discuss further.

TIMELINE
Application deadline: 6 JANUARY 2027, 12pm MIDDAY
The successful artist will be notified by email by 31 JANUARY 2027
The studio will be available to the successful artist from 3 March 2027