

Phoenix's Summer Artists

Phoenix makes a number of spaces available for artists to rent for short term periods over the summer. As we do not have exhibitions or classes July - August, a larger number of spaces can be offered such as our impressive gallery, the Project Space, Red, White and Green rooms, as well as a few of our studios on short-term lets of a few months. As a charity, we offer these at extremely affordable prices and spaces can be rented per month, week or even just for the day. Artists have flooded in to take advantage of these spaces.



Emma O'Neill

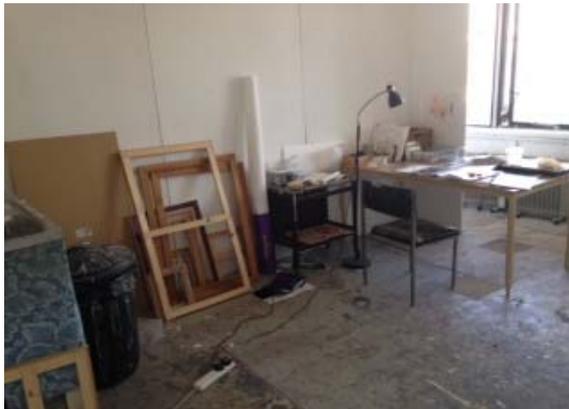
Emma is a painter who arrived at Phoenix in mid-July. She is renting a very large studio for the summer which she is sharing with her cousin, Jane Leech, and painter Michael Fowler.

Emma graduated last month from City College Brighton with a degree in visual arts practice. Her art incorporates ideas of the contemporary sublime and focuses on the effects of light and space.

Emma is currently working on three paintings: two small canvasses which she hopes to make part of an exhibition along with any future works produced, and a larger canvas for a commission.

When questioned as to what her favourite thing about the Phoenix was, without a moment's hesitation, Emma said: "It's nice atmosphere." As a new studio member, she has found that she has been welcomed warmly. Emma is hoping that a permanent studio will become available so that she can remain for longer at Phoenix.

Emma's website has further information about her work:
www.emmabakeroneill.com





Michael Fowler

Michael is also a painter. He graduated from Falmouth University last year with a degree in fine art. Michael has a Romanian background and gypsy culture and communism are key themes in his work. He also explores ideas of trauma; through the process of putting his negative thoughts and feelings onto the canvas, he notes the process through which his traumas and insecurities are to some extent left behind.

Michael heard about Phoenix through word of mouth and has a summer studio here until mid-September. His favourite thing about Phoenix is his studio. It is extremely large, has a nice light, and is very affordable (less than one quarter of the price he was paying for a small studio in London). He has also found the staff here to be welcoming and friendly which further persuaded him to rent a studio at Phoenix.

Michael is an avid traveller and will be travelling around Europe September-October. In the future, he just wants to continue painting and exhibiting, as well as travelling the world for new inspirations.

Michael's website has further information about his work:
www.michaelaurelfowler.com



Cyril Holas

Cyril is a photographer from the Czech Republic who graduated last year from college where he studied photography and media.

Cyril's most recent work focuses on urban landscapes - gritty and mysterious-looking black and white photographs of the streets - though his work incorporates a number of different themes and he also does portraits.

Cyril works part time at a hospital, and it was here that a colleague suggested that he try Phoenix Brighton for studio space. Cyril rang Phoenix on the off-

chance and was very fortunate that one had very recently become available as one of our studio members had decided to sub-let her studio. Cyril has the medium-sized, very bright studio for 5 months, though he would love for a permanent studio to become available so that he can stay for longer.

When I asked Cyril what he thought about Phoenix he said "I think it is the best one". He thinks his studio is a very good price for the amount of space which he gets. Cyril plans to stay in Brighton for at least another 2 years and to continue producing excellent photographs for exhibition.

Cyril's website is currently under development.

Maddy Smithers.

For further information about our studio spaces and potential availability, please contact us by telephone on 01273 603700 or email info@phoenixbrighton.org