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The Artists' Bond to open doors to new members!

From 1 April 2012, The Artists' Bond – the new collective venture established in 2011 by the forty members of the Artists' Lottery Syndicate – will open its doors to new members.

The Artists' Bond was devised following the end of the Artists' Lottery Syndicate last summer, in order to allow its collective spirit to live on long into the future and to bond its members together over the course of their careers.

Forty members of the Syndicate chose to reinvest their annual prize money (£30) in this new long-term speculative funding scheme based on the National Savings & Investments 'Premium Bonds'.

Once signed-up to The Artists' Bond, artists remain members for the rest of their lives qualifying for their share of the scheme's annual payouts.

Each year, between 1 April - 1 July, The Artists' Bond will open its doors to new members. To join, new members must be artists based in the UK and be prepared to make an initial equivalent investment of £30.

The Artists' Bond will continue to expand annually up to a maximum of 1,000 members: £30,000 worth of 'Premium Bonds'. Following the death of its last remaining member, the funds invested in the Bond will be used to establish a new national funding body for the arts.

Notes to Editors:

The Artists' Lottery Syndicate was a forty-strong collective of UK based artists who joined forces to play The National Lottery over the course of a year, with the hope of hitting the jackpot. The Syndicate ran from 1 July 2010 - 1 July 2011. It was superseded by The Artists' Bond in summer 2011.

The Artists' Lottery Syndicate was devised by Ellie Harrison in 2010 as a reaction to the recession and its knock-on effect on arts funding. As 'a speculative new scheme for acquiring funds for artists', it aimed to utilise the element of 'luck', which plays such a central role in an artist's career.

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