



Press Release

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## **Anna M. R. Freeman Pied à Terre's Artist in Restaurant 2012**

Anna M. R. Freeman has been announced as Pied à Terre's second Artist in Restaurant, an annual residency for emerging artists. Anna's residency will commence in January 2012 and will culminate with an exhibition of her work at Pied à Terre in September 2012. She will spend time at the Michelin starred restaurant, both as a diner and with exclusive behind the scenes access to the kitchens. In order to facilitate the residency, she has been given a sum of £10,000. One work created during the residency will become part of Pied à Terre's art collection, which already includes works by Peter Blake, Richard Hamilton and Howard Hodgkin.

Anna M. R. Freeman's artistic practice encompasses painting, film and installation and is often inspired by a direct response to particular sites. Her work is primarily concerned with the unseen significance of space, through an examination of the functionality of architecture and its emotive content. She combines images taken of a space, with her memories of it, and is drawn in particular to unlocking the hidden potential of seemingly everyday things, nostalgic objects and organic forms of decoration. Central to her work are contrasting states; namely old and new, function and beauty, light and dark and surface and depth. For her residency she intends to create works that react to the seen and unseen intricacies of Pied à Terre through a series of painting, filmic and site-specific works.

Anna M. R. Freeman (b.1982) lives and works in London. She studied at Camberwell College of Arts, Kunsthochschule Weissensee in Berlin and Chelsea College of Art and Design, before achieving an MA in Painting from the Royal College of Art. She has participated in exhibitions across the UK and Europe and has completed a number of residencies, most recently The Florence Trust Artists Residency in 2010/2011. She was selected for the Bloomberg New Contemporaries Exhibition in 2008 and will have a solo exhibition in Venice at Workshop Arte Contemporanea Gallery in February 2012. Her work can be found in the Saatchi Collection and the Howard and Roberta Ahmanson Collection, and in numerous private collections worldwide.

The artist was nominated by Paul Bayley and selected by the residency's committee, from a list of ten artists put forward by the scheme's 2012 nomination panel. Artist in Restaurant 2011 was Elpida Hadzi-Vasileva.

The following artists were nominated for Artist in Restaurant 2012:

Andreas Blank  
Ellie Doney  
Miriam Elia  
Natalia Escobar  
Anna M. R. Freeman  
Debbie Lawson  
Mitra Memarzia  
Claire Morgan  
Helen Pritchard  
Sally Sheinman

The Artist in Restaurant Nomination Panel 2012:

Paul Bayley, Director of the Florence Trust  
Patrick Burrows, Director of Art Source  
Manick Govinda, Head of artists' advisory services at ArtsAdmin  
Elpida Hadzi-Vasileva, Artist in Restaurant 2011  
Oliver Varenne, Curator at Museum of Old and New Art, Tasmania

The Artist in Restaurant Committee:

Professor John Aiken, Slade Professor, Director of the Slade School of Fine Art and Sculptor  
Gill Hedley, Independent curator and consultant  
Marie-Lise Sheppard, Grants Adviser for Arts at The Wellcome Trust & Artist in Restaurant scheme manager  
Drew de Soto, Founder of Nancy Victor gallery  
Calum Sutton, Managing Director of Sutton PR  
The committee is headed up by Pied à Terre's founding Director, David Moore

Pied à Terre was established in 1991, operating under the guidance of David Moore. The restaurant has gained some of the highest awards and accolades possible, earning its first Michelin star in 1993, becoming a two Michelin star restaurant in 1996. Marcus Eaves was appointed Head Chef in 2011.

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