



# Yorkshire Artspace

*Press Release*

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## **Yorkshire Artspace Open Studios Weekend (November Fri 19<sup>th</sup>, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun 21<sup>st</sup>) now includes three studio complexes**

The 2010 Yorkshire Artspace annual Open Studios weekend this year includes 3 studio buildings in Sheffield and offers visitors the chance to see the new artists' studios at Manor Oaks as well as the city centre studios at Persistence Works and Porter Brook.

Director of Yorkshire Artspace, Kate Dore says, "Every year we welcome more people from all over the region to Open Studios. Some want to see or buy a particular artist's work, some do their Christmas shopping and many are just curious about the making processes and the buildings. This year we can offer a sneak preview of our wonderful new studios at Manor Oaks before the official launch in the New Year. The event is free and open to all – Sheffield is home to some amazing creative talent and this is a way for everyone to experience a slice of it."

Over 60 artists and makers will be opening their doors and welcoming people into their workspaces, showing a wide range of different artwork from sculpture, painting, photography and print, to furniture, jewellery, silverware, metalwork, ceramics, textiles, stained glass and mosaic. In all three studio complexes there will be have-a-go workshops for all ages and abilities, demonstrations of craft techniques and refreshments available – details of these will be posted on our website [www.artspace.org.uk](http://www.artspace.org.uk).

### **Ends**

For more information please contact Kate Dore on 0114 276 1769 or email [kate@artspace.org.uk](mailto:kate@artspace.org.uk)

Yorkshire Artspace Society, Persistence Works, 21 Brown Street, Sheffield S1 2BS

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Background Information**

Established in 1977, Yorkshire Artspace is one of the UK's leading providers of affordable workspace to artists alongside an active professional development programme. Its flagship

purpose built studio complex, Persistence Works, opened in 2001 and Manor Oaks Studios, in partnership with Green Estate, as recently as August this year. Porter Brook Studios is a temporary facility right next to Persistence Works. More info on [www.artspace.org.uk](http://www.artspace.org.uk)

### **Addresses and Opening Times**

Persistence Works /Porter Brook Studios - 21 Brown Street, Sheffield, S1 2BS

**Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm-9.30pm and Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> 11am-5pm**

Manor Oaks Studios – 389 Manor Lane, Sheffield, S2 1UL

**Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> 11am-4pm**

### **Visitor Comments**

‘I have done all my Christmas shopping in one day – and not a sock in sight’, ‘what an amazing atmosphere and everyone was so open and friendly’, and ‘I have walked past this building so many times and always wanted to see inside – I had no idea there were so many studios!’

**These high res images are available on request:**



#### **Jennie Gill**

Persistence Works Studios

‘oxidized silver necklace with pearl and hand carved cameos’

Photo by Tracey Holland.



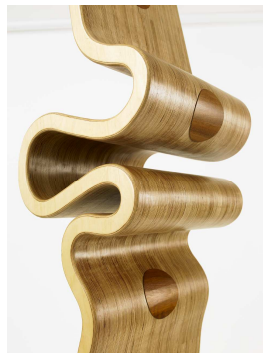
#### **Paul Dearden**

Porter Brook Studios

‘In Arles’

Oil, acrylic, ink

Photo by Paul Dearden



#### **Finbarr Lucas**

Manor Oaks Studios

detail of ‘Crush’ Sculpture

laminated birch plywood with reclaimed iroko details

Photo by Nigel Barker