

## Bold Tendencies 2020

### Free Creative Learning Workshops



Bold Tendencies commissions visual art and architecture and produces an ambitious live events programme of music, dance and opera in its unique home in the rooftop spaces of Peckham Multi-Storey Car Park. Bold Tendencies has operated for 13 years, evolving as a successful summer programme and civic space, developing new cultural projects and infrastructure, learning and audience services.

Bold Tendencies aims to bring art and artists to life to engage and inspire youth and families equally across all backgrounds, with special attention to those who live within our immediate neighbourhood of Peckham and Southwark. With the rich artistic annual summer programme at Bold Tendencies we provide free access to phenomenal and tactile learning experiences.

Our Creative Learning Workshops are developed with **5 - 14 year olds** in mind but are equally suitable for older children or those with SEND requirements.

- Remote Workshops (available from May - October)
- On-Site Workshops (from July - October)
- Summer Sculpture Workshops (from July - October)

Where possible we will always try to develop new ways of working or bespoke workshops for your group when requested. All Workshops are available with a Tour - highly recommended!

# BOLD TENDENCIES

## Bold Tendencies Tour



A unique welcome to Bold Tendencies. Feel at home on site with a specially tailored tour of Bold Tendencies, taking in our site-specific art commissions, the history of the building and the spectacular city skyline. Be curious and ask questions whilst we explore the site together, become familiar with our surroundings and be introduced to the unique collection of artworks on site.

Our rooftop spaces feature 11 permanent artworks including Simon Whybray's *hi boo i love you*, a monumental bright pink staircase; Richard Wentworth's *Agora*, huge shiny swirly lines covering the floor and the Derek Jarman Garden, a beautiful rooftop garden inspired by the film-maker's unique coastal Dungeness home; as well as new sculpture for 2020.

\* **Please note** a 10 minute Virtual Tour is available for Remote Workshop bookings.

**Session Length:** 30 minutes

**Capacity:** Up to 50 adults and children per Tour

**Age Range:** Suitable for all ages

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## **REMOTE WORKSHOPS**

(available from May - October)

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## Remote Workshop: Derek Jarman Garden



Being in and amongst nature, or simply looking at pictures of greenery or flowers has been proven to contribute to our physical and emotional wellbeing: it reduces anger, fear and stress, and increases pleasant feelings after just 20 minutes.

Our beautiful Derek Jarman Garden was inspired by the artist and film-maker's own garden in Dungeness on the Kent coast, and our remote Derek Jarman Garden workshop will bring nature indoors, inviting participants to stay connected to the environment and to the benefits and value of the city's green spaces.

Participants will be shown images of the botanical garden and through short, fun tasks children can follow along live, we will uncover skills that participants didn't know they had - just like the characters in *The Wizard of Oz*, one of Jarman's favourite childhood films.

\* **Follow up task:** to continue to draw from nature in a way accessible from home after the session: houseplants, balconies, local parks, and gardens. Participants will submit their final drawings to us, to be shared as part of our Education, Community & Play Online Exhibition Space and Archive. Don't worry - we will make submissions easy!

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 15 participants

**Age Range:** 5 - 16 years

**Materials needed:** Paper, pencils, coloured pens and pencils

## Remote Workshop: Skyline Storytelling



Feeling cramped inside and missing a sense of the great outdoors? Sign up for one of our remote workshops of Skyline Storytelling to have the whole of London's panoramic skyline - from the O2 and Canary Wharf to the Shard and Big Ben, the London Eye and Battersea Power Station - brought directly to your home.

Utilising our access to one of the best rooftop views in London, our remote workshop will use this vantage as a means for workshop activities that will remind participants of the spectacular city they live in and encourage them to think beyond the limitations of their time spent at home.

Our remote Skyline Storytelling will use basic materials you can find around the house to unlock participants' creative potential and uncover their own stories, memories and imagination of London's iconic architectural landscape. Activities will include collaborative digital drawing exercises as well as individual tasks such as drawing their favourite skyline element (this could be a building, clouds, a tree - anything that can be viewed from our rooftop!).

\* **Follow up task:** participants will submit their final drawings to us, to be collated into a large scale skyline collage that will be shared digitally with all participants and on our online platform. Don't worry - we will make submissions easy!

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 15 participants

**Age Range:** 5 - 16 years

**Materials Needed:** Paper, pencils, coloured pens and pencils

## Remote Workshop: All The Prophets Play



Take a journey through time and space with All The Prophets Play. Devised in response to our 2020 commission of new work by Harold Offeh, this workshop centres itself amidst our new art installation: a bright yellow spacecraft hovering above the Bold Tendencies rooftop, poised and ready for take off!

Inspired by legendary Jazz musician Sun Ra, the mothership represents the power to escape everyday tragedies through the power of education and learning, wonder and speculative thinking. It poses questions such as: How would you like to see the future? How can we make a difference now?

All the Prophets Play will introduce Offeh's work and inspiration through clips from the Sun Ra film and will feature sketching and thinking exercises to imagine the future, using techniques of fortune-telling and describing how we imagine our futures to look like. We will also draw on the history of visionary figures and how they have shared their messages of the future, through speech, visuals and film.

\* **Follow up task:** participants will translate their visions into a sound recording, drawing, image or film that can be sent back to display in our archive. All prophecies created will be part of a wider national art project with Bold Tendencies and the artist, giving participants a chance to make *their* mark on the future. Don't worry - we will make submissions easy!

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 15 participants

**Age Range:** 5 - 16 years

**Materials:** Pens, colouring material, paper, pencils, drawing materials

## **ON-SITE WORKSHOPS**

(available from July - October)

Please note that capacities for workshops are subject to change due to ongoing social distancing policies. These will be discussed with you during the booking process and we will always endeavour to find the best option for you and your group.

## Botanical Sketching



Explore our beautiful Derek Jarman Garden, inspired by the artist and film-maker's coastal garden in Dungeness. Participants will investigate the wonders of this intricate garden and learn about the exotic flora it is home to. Through observational botanical drawings and experimental and creative approaches to engaging with our green space, we will uncover the garden's beauty in our serene space in the middle of the urban landscape and vast concrete building.

Activities include drawing with your wrong hand, with your eyes closed, with your elbows or toes, or working in a pair or as part of a group. Botanical Sketching helps you to connect with each other, be active and enjoy being outdoors and with nature. Participants will learn tools to develop focus, concentration and teamwork, as well as gather an awareness and appreciation of the benefits of the many green spaces that populate the city.

Flowers could be your 'cheerful, delightful, affectionate companions', as horticulturist and avid gardener Horace J. Wright once wrote - one of Derek Jarman's own inspirations - or they could help you to create your over-the-rainbow place to escape to. How will the colourful Derek Jarman garden change your world?

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 30 adults and children

**Age Range:** Suitable for all ages

## Ask the Artist !?!



Participate in the in-depth exploration of one of the special artworks on site at Bold Tendencies. Working closely with one of our Education Officers, you will spend time with a chosen work of art to explore, question and discuss the ideas and processes behind the artist's vision. Through discussion of the artist's vision, we will create a visual map that brings together the groups response to the artwork and together choose a series of questions drawn from participants themselves to 'Ask the Artist!?!'.

At the end of the session, we will have a unique opportunity to interview the artist directly, asking them all your questions about their work!

Previous workshops have included interviews with Lawrence Lek (2019), Matt Copson (2019), João Vasco Paiva (2018), Isaac Olvera (2017) and Richard Wentworth (2015).

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 30 adults and children

**Age Range:** 5+ years

## Bristow Comic Book Workshop



*Bristow* is a permanent site-specific artwork at Bold Tendencies by French-Algerian artist Adel Abdessemed, first installed in 2016. The title of Abdessemed's sculpture is taken from the signature work of the British cartoonist Frank Dickens (1931 – 2016), whose cartoon strip of the same title ran for 41 years in the *Evening Standard*. *Bristow* is a sculpture of a carrier pigeon with a sinister device on its back, looking out to the city beyond.

In our Bristow Comic Book Workshop we use storytelling and illustration to figure out the story of the humble pigeon: how did it get there? What is it carrying on its back? And why? Using the medium of comic sketching we will discover multiple narratives for *Bristow*, inspiring empathy and compassion for others in society as well as the animal kingdom. The workshop allows participants to pay homage to the satirical storytelling culture which inspired the work.

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 30 adults and children

**Age Range:** 5 - 11 years

## Bold View Skyline Storytelling



Bold Tendencies has a unique and spectacular panoramic view of the whole of London, from Canary Wharf to the London Eye and Big Ben, all the way round to Crystal Palace. See if you can spot the Shard, the Gherkin, St Paul's Cathedral and more, all from our special vantage in the heart of Peckham!

Bold View Skyline Storytelling will encourage you to uncover your own stories through collaborative observational drawing of the skyline. We will work from memory, life and imagination to explore London's iconic architectural landscape. Participants will create drawings by focusing on areas of particular interest in the London silhouette, exploring how light and shadow can change the mood and tone of your creations!

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 30 adults and children

**Age Range:** Suitable for all ages

## Journeys and Movement



Commissioned in 2015, Richard Wentworth's *Agora* is made up of shiny, silver lines that cover the entire surface of the car park.

In Journeys and Movement we invite children to respond to the work through physical games. We can move through space in new and unusual ways: hiding, stretching, playing... We can engage with the artwork through our own performance and actions.

We use the work of Richard Wentworth as a starting point for exploring ideas about journeys and travelling. Movement and expression are extensions of the work and communicated through sound, mark making and performance.

**Session Length:** 1 hour

**Capacity:** Up to 30 adults and children

**Age Range:** 7 - 16 years

## Additional Available Activities on Site



### Open Rehearsals

Free access to open rehearsals for world-class performances of Dance, Orchestral Music and Opera, opening up the creative process for families, school classes and community groups to see behind the scenes. Please note for 2020 these events may be subject to change due to social distancing policies.

### Annual Family Day

In September we run an annual free and open family day on site at Bold Tendencies. This includes special intergenerational workshops exploring the site and the artworks, access to open rehearsals, and free ice cream for participants from Frank's Cafe!

### Art Trainee Programme

We run an annual immersive working and learning experience that offers participants aged 19 - 27 a role in the life and work of our thriving cultural organisation, with Traineeships periods of 6, 12 and 18 weeks. Applications are open to all regardless of experience, and especially to those interested in pursuing a career in culture and the creative industries. Applications for the 2020 season are now closed but if you are interested in learning more about the 2021 programme please contact us [trainees@boldtendencies.com](mailto:trainees@boldtendencies.com).