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**Established 2011**

***We're all in this together!***

**A new take on the artists' collective**

From 1 April - 1 July 2013, The Artists' Bond - a new long-term speculative funding scheme for artists - begins its annual intake of new members. Forty places will be made available for UK based artists to join the current membership of eighty.

This is your chance to join the likes of John Beagles, David Blandy, Ruth Claxton, Susan Collis, Jon Thomson & Alison Craighead, Simon Faithfull, Ellie Harrison, Emma Hart, Dean Kenning, Andrew Mottershead, Hayley Newman, Jamie Showlin, Joanne Tatham and Jian Jun Xi, as they pool resources in an attempt to hit the jackpot on the 'Premium Bonds'.

The Artists' Bond was established in 2011 by the forty original members of the Artists' Lottery Syndicate (which ran from 1 July 2010 - 1 July 2011), 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.

Once signed-up to The Artists' Bond - making an initial investment of £30 - artists remain members for the rest of their lives and qualify for their share of annual payouts. The Artists' Bond will continue to expand annually up to a maximum of 1,000 members: £30,000 worth of 'Premium Bonds'.

In a world in which ever more of our social interactions seem to be mediated by the market, The Artists' Bond offers a new take on the age-old artists' collective. We're all in this together, so come join us!

**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 It was superseded by The Artists' Bond in summer 2011.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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