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School children exhibit work at Ikon

Ikon Insiders Showcase
Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 May 11am-6pm
Events Room
FREE

Schoolchildren from three Birmingham schools are to exhibit sculpture, paintings and videos at Ikon, made in response to their visits to the gallery.

Over the last two years, 610 pupils from three local primaries have been involved in *Ikon Insiders*, a project that has allowed each child to make four guided visits to the gallery. Taking inspiration from Ikon exhibitions, children have worked alongside artists Liz Rowe, Briony Graham and Ikon's Learning team to discuss work on display and then make their own creative responses.

The pupils - from St Georges' C.E., Ladywood, St Thomas' C.E., Ladywood and Osborne Primary, Erdington - will now present a selection of their work through a public showcase event at Ikon over the weekend of 15-16 May 2010.

Through the course of their visits the pupils have seen work by artists such as Victor Man (Romania), Wood and Harrison (UK), Zhang Enli (China), Guisepppe Penone (Italy), Victor Alimpiev (Russia), Semyon Faibisovich (Russia), Clare Rojas (USA), Ron Terada (Canada) and Susan Collis (UK).

Emma Bowen, Learning Coordinator, Ikon: "The Ikon Insiders project has noticeably built the children's confidence in looking at and critically engaging with contemporary art, and seeing their work showcased will certainly add to that confidence. Following the school visits we have noticed that children are making return trips to the gallery with their families, which is something that we hope to build on in the third and final year of the programme."

The project is funded by The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts Start programme, George Fentham Trust, The Ernest Cook Trust and The Allan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement.

More information on all Ikon exhibitions and events can be found at www.ikon-gallery.co.uk

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Note to Editors:

1. Ikon is open Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11am - 6pm.
Admission is free.
2. Ikon Gallery is fully accessible and actively welcomes children and families. The gallery currently produces a Family Gallery Guide which contains short activities for children to undertake in the gallery with space for drawing. The guides come with a free set of colouring pencils that can be used and taken home.
3. Ikon Gallery has been awarded the Family Friendly Kitemark from Birmingham City Council.
4. Ikon Gallery is a registered charity and receives core funding from Arts Council England and Birmingham City Council.
5. For more information please contact Helen Stallard (PR on behalf of Ikon) on 0774 033 9604 or email h.stallard@ikon-gallery.co.uk