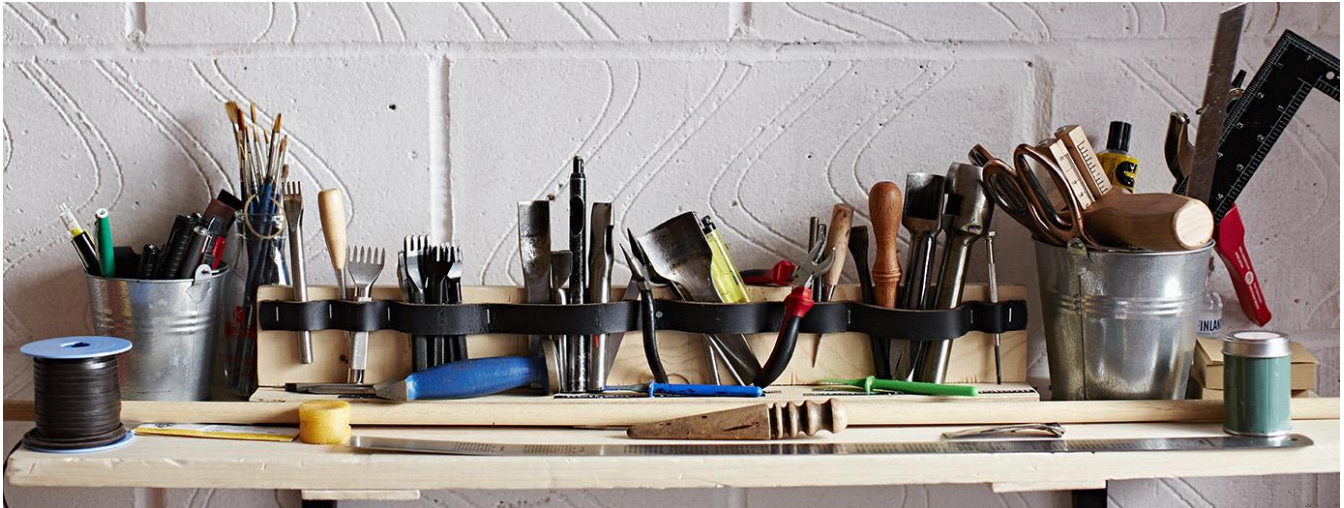


COCKPIT ARTS



The Cockpit Arts / Leathersellers' Awards 2017 Call for Entries

About

Applications are invited for The Cockpit Arts / Leathersellers' Awards 2017. Cockpit Arts is an award winning creative business incubator for makers in London and the Awards are generously sponsored by The Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund.

The prestigious Cockpit Arts / Leathersellers' Awards are intended for talented makers who are seeking business development support to take their creative business to the next level. In return for a place at Cockpit Arts, the winners will be required to develop new work where leather is a major constituent and to showcase this in conjunction with Cockpit Arts.

The Prize - studio space and business development support for one year!

The Cockpit Arts / Leathersellers' Awards 2017 recipients will be awarded a match-funded place at Cockpit Arts Deptford for one year, worth £3,000, with further financial support for up to 3 years on a sliding scale, by selection. This includes the following benefits:

- Studio space for a year within the creative community of Cockpit Arts' business incubator in Deptford, south London
- Access to the Leather Hub, housing leather working equipment for shared use by Awardees
- Business and creative development services including on-site coaching, a personalised development plan, workshops and seminars
- Selling and promotional opportunities including Cockpit Arts Open Studios events twice a year
- Opportunity to collaborate with other makers in the Cockpit community
- Access to office facilities and resource centre

When applying please bear in mind that the Award is for one year only, and further applications for second and third year support thereafter will depend on selection. Otherwise fees will be payable in full after the Award, as per the charges sheet enclosed in the standard studio Application Pack.

Who can apply?

Makers of any age who have already established a market for their work, and have a track record of and commitment to working in leather are eligible to apply. The judges, including British designer Bill Amberg; Vanessa Swann, Chief Executive, Cockpit Arts; and Geoff Russell-Jones, Charities & Education Officer, The Leathersellers' Company, will be looking for individuals who demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and a commitment to grow their business as well as craft skills and creative flair.

Makers who have previously been accepted to join Cockpit Arts in the past 12 months but have not as yet been offered a space are welcome to apply. Previous acceptance does not guarantee selection for this Award.

Award conditions

Each Award is worth £3,000 and the Award winner pays a further £1,000 a year. The total of £4,000 covers the cost of the studio space as well as business support fees for 12 months. Electricity costs, insurance and office service charges will be payable on top and cannot be paid for from the Award.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be resident in the UK. Non-British citizens may apply but must be prepared to show relevant VISA if offered interview
- Applicants should be trading as a craftsperson
- Previous Leathersellers' Postgraduate Scholarship winners are eligible to apply

How to Apply

Please request an application form from dana@cockpitarts.com. **Deadline for receipt of applications is midday, Wednesday 12 April.** Interviews with shortlisted applicants are **Thursday 27 April**. Winners should be ready to take a studio space at Cockpit Arts no later than 1 July 2017.

Bill Amberg Biography



Born in Northampton, British designer Bill Amberg learnt leatherworking skills in Australia before returning to the UK to set up his business in London, making and selling luxury leather accessories. Twenty five years later the business has grown to include international stockists such as Barneys and Bergdorf Goodman. Over the years Bill has been asked to design leather ranges for Donna Karan and Paul Smith. Notable private clients include Roman Abramovitch and Solange Azagury-Partridge, who both commissioned Bill to create interiors from leather. Today the Bill Amberg brand sells leather accessories from its flagship store in Mayfair and through other retailers. Bill Amberg bags have a celebrity following including Tom Cruise, Jarvis Cocker, Uma Thurman and Sam Taylor-Johnson.