Sunday Pottery Masterclasses

Friends of Putney School of Art & Design

Sunday 1 November 2026, 10am-4pm

Putney School Of Art And Design

Organised by the Friends of PSAD

We are delighted to be hosting two Masterclasses by two exceptional potters Chris Keenan and Sophie Maccarthy.

Chris Keenan



Chris started working with clay in his mid-thirties when he began a two year apprenticeship with Edmund de Waal. He has since become one of the UK's most highly regarded potters, known for the elegance and delicacy of his Limoges porcelain vessels as well as his restrained palette of glazes and decoration. His work focuses largely on functional ware as well as decorative vessels and his signature rocking pots.



Chris is a Fellow of the Craft Potters Association (CPA) and his work appears in several public collections including the V&A in London, the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and the Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art in Japan.

We are thrilled to be hosting this Masterclass. The focus will be on throwing and turning porcelain on the wheel and understanding the properties of this notoriously tricky clay.

The course is aimed at experienced throwers who want to finesse their techniques.

Sophie MacCarthy



Sophie, like Chris, is a Fellow of the CPA. In a career spanning nearly 50 years, Sophie has established a reputation for distinctive imagery and a bold approach to colour. Her exuberant earthenware work is created by combining layers of slip and underglazes with stains, wax resist and paper cut-outs.

Sophie has said,

'my imagery is a response to what I see around me; the colours and textures of the natural world and the urban environment'.

In September Sophie's work was shown in a solo and very successful exhibition at the prestigious Contemporary Ceramics gallery in London.



Students attending the course should bring along earthenware work that is dry (but not leather hard) ready to decorate under Sophie's expert guidance. Plates and tiles are ideal for potters learning to apply Sophie's methods. Please bring your tools, scissors or Stanley knives. All decorative materials will be available in our studio.

Priority booking for Friends from Monday 5th October.

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£100 including lunch, tea and coffee

Venue: PSAD 3D Campus, Disraeli Road, London SW15
(Opposite Putney Library)

Priority booking for Friends from Monday 5th October. **Please email info@psadfriends.org.uk to book your place on one of these classes, indicating clearly which class you are applying for, Chris Keenan or Sophie MacCarthy.**

Booking for non-members opens 19th October.

Classes are limited to 12 students each so only the first 12 applicants for each class will be offered a place conditional to full payment being made within 24 hours.

Any additional applications will be added to a waiting list and you will be contacted should there be any cancellations.

PAYMENT by BACS transfer:
Friends of Putney School of Art and Design
Account: 51604783. Sort code: 40 05 31

NB: Cancellations less than 48 hours before the course starts are non-refundable.

Courses are offered on a first come, first served basis.
Special diets cannot be catered for.
Please note the 3D campus presently has no disabled access to the upper floor.

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