



## Meet the new Sky Academy Arts Scholars



Each year, Sky Academy supports five emerging artists from the UK and Ireland through Sky Academy Arts Scholarships. Each recipient will receive £30,000 towards the development of an artistic project and the cost of living for one year, along with mentoring from Sky and the Arts industry.

The Scholarships provide mentoring and financial support to give young artists the time and freedom they need to develop their creative practice and take their work to the next level. Applications were open to artists working on Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theatre, Creative Producing and Creative Writing. Over 1,000 applications were received and assessed by industry professionals. The 2015 judging panel included Louise Jeffries of the Barbican, Godfrey Worsdale of BALTIC and Kris Nelson of the Tiger Dublin Fringe, as well as Sky Arts Director Phil Edgar-Jones and individuals from Sky Academy.

Now the wait is over as we revealed the winners at the South Bank Sky Arts Awards 2015. The new Arts Scholars are:

Sarah Maple (age 30, UK)

Sarah is a visual artist from Crawley. In 2007 Sarah won the “4 New Sensations” competition for emerging artists, run by Charles Saatchi, and since then has exhibited artwork, films and performances internationally. Sarah’s work is a form of activism, using wit and humour to engage audiences with issues of gender, religion and politics. Her Sky Academy arts Scholarship project, working titled “I Disagree With What You Say” aims to create an exhibition of new paintings, photography and performances based on the concept of freedom of speech.

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