

Schools workshops at Orleans House Gallery



- **The exhibition**

***Jane Spencer Retrospective* 14 February – 12 April 2009**

Jane Spencer is an abstract artist with a unique understanding of colour and texture. Throughout her life she created many stunning paintings, prints and ceramic pieces. This retrospective exhibition attests to the unparalleled energy and fearless creativity she brought to her art.

- **The workshops:**

Our sessions for schools will support the delivery of the Art and Design curriculum, as well as History and Citizenship in a dynamic cross-curricular way. Sessions begin by looking at the original art-works and artefacts in the gallery – discussing what they depict, why and how they were made

We will encourage the exchange of ideas according to the level of the group's ability. Key terms of vocabulary will be used. Interactive discussion will be followed by practical workshop chosen from the following:

Abstract Sculptures

After drawing some popular images, students will build abstract clay sculptures developed from the shapes in their own drawing.

Suitable for all.

Textured Printmaking

Students will explore texture through printmaking, taking inspiration from the textures of found objects.

Suitable for all.

Automatic Drawing with Colour

Students will use automatic drawing techniques and a range of colours to discover approaches to abstract art.

Suitable for all.

N.B. We are able to tailor sessions to the needs of the group, to allow for all ages and abilities. Options for the practical workshop can be discussed at the time of booking.

- **Our aims**

Beyond the art historical and practical content of these sessions we aim to build pupils' confidence in speaking about what they see, sharing opinions and recognising likes and dislikes. Pupils will be encouraged to evaluate their own work and express what they think about the work of their peers in a sensitive way.

- **Outreach workshops**

We are happy to deliver sessions at your school if it is difficult for you to reach the gallery. Please call to discuss the needs of your group.

Sessions are charged at £2 per child. To book please call Dawn Smithers,
Education Assistant on 020 8487 5258 or e-mail dawn.smithers@richmond.gov.uk