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This summer, let Mackintosh's masterwork inspire creativity!

Building on the successful launch of the 'Aspiring Artist' tour at The Glasgow School of Art in 2009, this summer the School's fleet of student tour guides are looking for more enthusiastic amateurs to transform into aspiring artists.

Every Saturday and Sunday this summer, from 17th July to 12th September, visitors to The Glasgow School of Art are invited to escape for an afternoon on the Aspiring Artist tour. Lasting for two hours from 3.30-to 5.30pm the tour takes inspiration from a building now known internationally as Charles Rennie Mackintosh's architectural masterwork. The Aspiring Artist tour enables adults and children alike to dive behind the scenes and in a GSA studio become immersed in the inimitable atmosphere of a century of creative education.

The Glasgow School of Art draws crowds of avid admirers from all over the world. Every hour on the hour, student led guided tours leave from the GSA Shop to explore Mackintosh's radical, romantic interiors. Guided tours enable the School to show off its celebrated interiors, whilst preserving the creative education that continues to this day within its four walls.

The Aspiring Artist tour enables any visitor to encounter Mackintosh's masterwork as an artist. This special two hour tour represents a rare opportunity to veer off track. Leave the public rooms behind to delve into one of these hidden spaces and become immersed for a brief two hours in creative endeavour. From 17th July to 12th September, this special tour allows small groups loose in the building to gather inspiration from Mackintosh's iconic scarabs, swallows, roses and rectangles before settling down in Studio 8. United in creative comradeship, enthusiastic amateurs sit down with already crafty creative guides to produce their own little 'masterwork' to take away at the end of the tour.

Last year the school celebrated a century of creative education, home for a hundred years to swarms of students, all aspiring artists. Filled with the imagery of flight, growth and metamorphosis the building has been called a 'temple of transformations'. This summer visitors are invited to dive into a studio and be inspired. Surrounded by the symbolism of sprouting seeds, flying birds and blooming roses, anyone would be transformed into an Aspiring Artist.

Tour times:

Aspiring Artist tours

Saturday 17th July to Sunday 12th of September 2010, 3.30-to 5.30pm, every Saturday (family tours) and Sunday (adults tours).

The Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh building tour

7 days a week, year round. Tours depart regularly between 10am – 5pm.

Tour prices:

Aspiring Artists tours

- Adults £19.50
- Concessions £16.50
- Under 18's £9.50
(not suitable for children under 6, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)
- Group and private tour rates also available

The Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh building tour

- Adults £8.75
- Concessions £7.00
- Under 18's £4.00
- Group and private tour rates also available

Tour bookings:

To book any of our tours in advance please contact us on 0141 566 1472 or email tours@gsa.ac.uk.

More information:

Visit <http://www.gsa.ac.uk/tours>

Images: Print quality images of 'Aspiring Artists' tour participants and of the Mackintosh building readily available, please contact us.



('Aspiring Artists' participant 2009)

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