



## **Made In Rye 18th May 2013** **A fundraising evening for Rye Studio School Travel Bursaries.**

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> May, Chairman of the Rye Studio School Patrons, Jacqui Lait opened a packed hall full of eminent dignitaries; "Made In Rye is the first fundraising event in support of Rye Studio School for the Creative

Industries, the most exciting and innovative project in Rye and indeed, South East England for decades". Jacqui encouraged all the guests to show their support of this new school by giving generously to the raffle and auction, ensuring that all young people that join the Studio School can access the wonderful work placements that are a key part of their education.



Support has come from far and wide and local MP Amber Rudd gave her backing, "Good luck to the Rye Studio School, a new fantastic new initiative for our young people in Rye". The event used the artistic heritage of Rye as a theme for the decoration; John Botterill supplied a fishing boat, students created a flotilla of model boats, flotsam and jetsam trailed beautifully across the floor under stunning lighting effects from Entertainment Workshop whilst the dining tables were gorgeously decorated with native flowers, sea shells and candles by Atlanta Bartlett and Elsbeth Rankin. All enjoyed a sumptuous dinner, created by Juliet Bidwell and her team. Whilst entertainment was provided by incredibly talented singers and performers from Rye and also Tom Pickering played the Wurlitzer. A captivating auction directed by the fabulous Martin Phillips thrilled and entertained the guests before the evening was completed with dancing to the fabulous sound of Chris Anderson.



A wonderful evening marks the countdown to the opening of Rye Studio School in September. Principal, Jo Townshend would like to extend enormous thanks to all everyone who so generously supported, donated and contributed to a superb evening in preparation for the new Studio School.

Artists donating works included: Steve Duffy, Davida Smith, Martin Hargreaves and A Lincoln Taber.

Auctioneer: Martin Phillips

Singers, directed by Anneliese Dale: Gaby Emson, Abi Webb, Samantha Polley, Grace Benton and Maizie Edwards

Wurlitzer, directed by Micheal Woodridge and Richard Moore: Tom Pickering



Support staff: Jessica Lench, Kirsty Lench, Isabella Woodcock, James Millen, Elva Tucker, Issy Barling Gasson, Elisha Winchester, Harry Scott, Sam Scott, Annabel Nunn, Sadie Andrews and Luke Crisford.

Lighting: Entertainment Workshop

Table settings: Elsbeth Rankin and Atlanta Bartlett

Catering: Juliet Bidwell and team

Patrons: Cheryl Rowsell, Elsbeth Rankin, Barry Nealan, Rebekah Gilbert, David Byrne, Jo Townshend and Chairman, Jacqui Lait.

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## **Matt James Southam**

19 May

Having attended @ryestudioschool ball last night I am hoping it lives up to everything it could be. Great opportunities for young ppl

## **Andrew Corbett-Nolan**

19 May

Great evening getting to know a great new College @ryestudioschool the enthusiasm is infectious!

## **Emiko Bencomo** favorited your Tweet

19 May: Boats, hampers, mermaids and a delicious dinner set the scene for the launch event by Rye Studio School Patrons