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## **mima turns 3 ask your burning questions**

mima turns three on 27 January 2010, to celebrate mima wants invite you to ask our director, Kate Brindley & team your questions. mima has achieved great things since opening.

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mima “has consistently punched well above its weight “ Mark Brown, The Guardian.

But have you ever wondered why the gallery promotes modern and contemporary art and craft? What is the planned future? How are the collections developed and maintained? Well now is the time to ask.

Kate Brindley, mima Director said “ It’s a real joy to work in such an ambitious gallery situated in a town with the same drive and tenacity. On mima’s 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday I’d like to personally to invite our visitor’s to come and ask their burning question.”

This free event will take place at mima on Thursday 28 Jan, 6.30pm. To help you get you thinking caps on here are some commonly asked questions.

What does mima stand for?  
Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art

What does mima show?  
mima’s exhibitions change throughout the year so there is always something new to see. Exhibitions showcase works from the mima collection as well as work by modern and contemporary artists from circa 1900. Recent highlights include Gerhard Richter: Modern Times and Ellsworth Kelly: drawings 1954-1962 showing until 21 Februray.

How much is it to get in?  
mima’s exhibition’s are free along with most of our events.

How can I support mima?  
mima friends launched on November 2008 and is a registered charity that supports the development and promotion of mima. With recent events

including a trip to Frieze Art Fair September 2009, member and number's growing to over 150 it's the club to be involved with.

Do you work with schools?

mima education staff deliver talk and tour sessions to school groups as well as offering teacher training days and working on bespoke projects with schools such as working with artists to develop projects that form part of GCSE's.

If you can't make it on the 28<sup>th</sup> January please send your question by post to:  
Question for mima

mima

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Questions and answers will be posted on our website [www.visitmima.com](http://www.visitmima.com)

### **mima's Key achievements include:**

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Almost 17,000 children have taken part in organised school visits to mima

mima has organised over 639 events including things like artist talks, tours, workshops, life drawing, mima cineclub mini mima and three arts fairs.

Well over 100 important works of art have been gifted to Middlesbrough since the development of mima

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mima has attracted over £1.3m of awards to help Middlesbrough build on its important collection of art. Including £1 million through Art fund International, £150,000 from the Northern Rock Foundation and almost £60,000 worth of work gifted through the Art Fund Collect scheme.

mima has won awards from the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, The Art Fund, The Journal and The Hadrian award. mima recently obtained the Arts Award welcome status.

Ends

### **Notes to editors**

Now showing until 21 February 2010

Ellsworth Kelly: drawings 1954-1962

One place to call home: recent acquisitions

William Furlong Fragmented: a red couch, a blue curtain, a black piece of furniture

mima Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art  
mima is one of the UK's leading galleries for modern and contemporary art and craft. The landmark building designed by Erick van Egeraat Architects is situated in the heart of Middlesbrough. mima opened to international critical acclaim in January 2007. Hosting temporary exhibitions of fine art and craft from 1900 to the present, mima showcases work by internationally acclaimed artists. Exhibitions change throughout the year and admission is free.

**For further press information, images or interviews relating to mima, contact:**

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**Gallery Opening Times**

Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 10.00am-5.00pm,  
Thurs 10.00am-8.00pm (free parking from  
4pm),  
Sun 12noon-4.00pm  
Closed Monday  
Open Bank Holidays (Sunday opening hours  
apply)

**Admission FREE**

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