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TELLTALE – A writing exhibition and project centred on a narrative conceived by ten artists, written by Justin Hinder and explored over a series of collaborative studio sessions. IMAGE: Kate Just & Kate Knight Telltale Grand Shenanigans (Family Portrait 2) 2016 Type C Digital Print 60 x 40cm
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TELLTALE

A new collaborative group exhibition curated by Justin Hinder and Anna Louise Richardson

Telltale Grande was known, both online and by word of mouth, to be haunted.

In the exhibition *Telltale* at Arts Project Australia, Northcote from Saturday 7 May – Saturday 11 June 2016, a selection of 10 artists cross paths as guests in a story that unfolds through fact, fiction and somewhere in between, revealing lost secrets of the scandalous hoteliers the Telltales. The ten artists attended a series of workshops and group studio sessions run at Arts Project Australia in 2015. Artist pairs then produced new work in response to the *Telltale* narrative written by Justin Hinder inspired by the workshops and artists interests. *Telltale* was developed through Next Wave's Emerging Curators Program with Arts Project Australia for Next Wave Festival 2016.

Highlights include a modern take on the game exquisite corpse by artist pairs, a giant ceramic wedding cake by artist pair Georgina Cue and Paul Hodges, and a stop motion animation of the narrative starring by Kate Just and Kate Knight, *Telltale* takes you through the dusty corridors of a once majestic hotel, steeped in the echoes of a mysterious past. A place where lovelorn ghosts float through tumbling children, a place where laughter, tears, breakfast and booze blend a heady cocktail of comic tragedy.

The line up of well known artist pairs includes: Richard Lewer & Eden Menta, Paul Hodges & Georgina Cue, Katherine Hattam & Megan Sloan, Kate Knight & Kate Just, and Mark Smith & ChiliPhilly.

Opening at Arts Project Australia, 24 High Street Northcote May Saturday 7th May 3-5pm, the exhibition will be open to the public from 5 May – 11 June, 2016 in conjunction with Next Wave Festival, 2016. Coinciding with *Telltale* is Arts Project artist Gavin Porter's first solo exhibition *Paragon of Virtue*, in the front gallery at Arts Project Australia. For more information visit artsproject.org.au.

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ChiliPhilly is an artist based in Melbourne. ChiliPhilly has 128K+ instagram followers for his images of knitted novelty hats, generally of food and has been featured in editorial including Frankie Magazine, BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, Daily Mail, SBS Food, BBC, i-D and Seven News.

Richard Lewer is a New Zealand born artist based in Melbourne; Lewer won the Albany Art Prize, 2015, Blake Prize, 2014 and The Black Swan Portrait Prize, 2013. Lewer is represented by Hugo Michell Gallery, SA.

Kate Just is an artist based in Melbourne. Just has exhibited extensively across Australia in solo and group exhibitions, won the Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Prize, 2015 and has work in collections including the National Gallery of Australia.

Katherine Hattam is an artist based in Melbourne. Hattam has exhibited extensively across Australia and has works in many Australian public collections including the National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Queensland Art Gallery and Artbank. Hattam is represented by Daine Singer, VIC.

Georgina Cue was the recipient of an Australia New Work Grant - Early Career, 2014 and JUMP Mentor program, 2013 to work with Damiano Bettoli. Cue has work in public collections including the National Gallery of Victoria.

Paul Hodges, Megan Sloan, Kate Knight, Eden Menta and Mark Smith are represented by Arts Project Australia.

Justin Hinder is an emerging artist, writer and curator based in Melbourne. His practice investigates human movement and the decision-making process combining daily normalities with ideals of pre-determined destiny and storytelling. Hinder is participating in SafARI's emerging writers program 2016 and working on an upcoming solo exhibition with This Is No Fantasy + Dianne Tanzer Gallery (VIC). Hinder is commercially represented by This Is No Fantasy + Dianne Tanzer Gallery, (VIC).

Anna Louise Richardson is an emerging West Australian artist and curator whose practice focuses on issues of regional identity, inter-generational communication and the intersection of art, artefact and material culture. Richardson is currently undertaking a curatorial internship at the Art Gallery of South Australia (SA) as well as working on an upcoming solo exhibition with MARS Gallery (VIC). Richardson is commercially represented by MARS Gallery (VIC).

Show Name: Telltale

Venue: Arts Project Australia, 24 High Street, Northcote, Vic.

Opening: Opening 3-5pm Saturday 7 May, 2016, opened by Georgie Meagher, Artistic Director & CEO, Next Wave.

Exhibition runs: 5 May – 11 June, 2016.

Times: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm, Sat 10–5pm.

Artist & Curator Talk: Saturday 21 May, 2pm.

Ticket Prices and Bookings: Free

More info: nextwave.org.au, artsproject.org.au, annalouiserichardson.com, justinhinderwords.wordpress.com.

Social media: #nextwave16 / @next_wave / #telltalenextwave / #Justin Hinder / @justinhinder /

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Disability access: Yes

The curators and artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available on request.

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TELLTALE will be on show at Arts Project Australia from Saturday 7 May to 11 June 2016 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.