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11 November 2015

ANNUAL GALA SHOWCASES 100+ ARTISTS AND WELCOMES THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

An exhibition and celebration of over 200 artworks by local artists

28 November - 19 December 2015

Ever driven past Arts Project's gallery on High St and wondered what's inside? Arts Project Australia's **2015 Annual Gala** is your chance to find out. Launching Saturday 28 November from 3-6pm, this event showcases artworks created by more than 100 artists who work in the Arts Project studio.

A broad range of work will be on display from painting and drawing through to printmaking and sculpture. Pick up an original artwork or one of Arts Project's beautiful calendars or cards. Soak up the music from artist Jon Campbell's local band *Pamela*, treat yourself to ice cream from *Whippy Kiosk*, grab a hamburger from the *Mr Burger* food truck, or just wander around the gallery and enjoy.

Executive Director Sue Roff says that, "The Annual Gala is a highly anticipated event in the Arts Project exhibition calendar and is the last exhibition of the year in the gallery. The extensive show provides an insight into each artist's distinctive practice, whilst revealing the diversity that is unique to the Arts Project studio".

The exhibition will feature a salon of over 200 recent artworks created by artists that currently work at Arts Project. Over 400 people visit the gallery for the Gala opening each year and Arts Project expects to break local visitation records in 2015 as it welcomes more visitors from the local community. Artworks are available for sale at the opening and throughout the show and can be taken home at the time of purchase.

Prices range from \$50 up to \$1000, with many of the public and collectors arriving early to secure an original one-off artwork at great prices.

This is a local event and is free and open to the public.

This event is proudly supported by Art Guide Australia, Leonard Joel and Kennards, Preston.

Arts Project staff and artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available on request and artists can be photographed with their work. *Annual Gala* will be featured at Arts Project Australia from Saturday 28 November – Saturday 19 December 2015 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.

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QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT

WHERE: Arts Project Australia, 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia

OPENING: Saturday 28 November, from 3-6pm **EXHIBITION:** 28 November – 19 December 2015

TIMES: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm

MORE INFO: Annual Gala

WEBSITE: www.artsproject.org.au

ENTRY: FREE

KEY MESSAGE

- 13th Annual Gala exhibition;
- Annual Gala features the work of over 110 artists that currently work in Arts Project's Northcote studio;
- Annual Gala showcases 200+ artworks and welcomes the local community to its free event;
- Annual Gala will feature music from local artist Jon Campbell's band Pamela, treat yourself to ice cream from Whippy Kiosk, grab a hamburger from the Mr Burger food truck;
- Annual Gala celebrates Arts Project artists and acknowledges their contribution to contemporary art;
- Annual Gala features paintings, drawings, ceramics, animation DVD's, printmaking, digital prints, and sculpture created recently in the Arts Project studio;
- Annual Gala artwork is available for sale and can be taken home at the point of purchase;
- Annual Gala will feature a temporary "Drawing Wall Commission" painted by Paul Hodges;
- Annual Gala is the final exhibition of the year at Arts Project's Northcote gallery space;
- Arts Project Australia is a centre of excellence that supports artists with intellectual disabilities, promoting their work and advocating for inclusion within contemporary art practice.

KEY EVENTS

EXHIBITION OPENING

Saturday 28 November 2015, 3-6pm

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson and Executive Director Sue Roff to welcome guests, celebrate our 2015 achievements and hear about what's coming up in 2016 at Arts Project Australia. FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MEDIA CONTACTS

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