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## ARTS PROJECT AUSTRALIA

25 August 2014

### *JULIAN MARTIN: TRANSFORMER* *A 25 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE*

Arts Project Australia launches its next major retrospective exhibition this month *Julian Martin: Transformer*, curated by Dr Cheryl Daye and opened by Rupert Myer AM.

Original interpretations of everyday objects, popular figures and pure colour play a pivotal role in the extraordinary work of Julian Martin. Over two decades his work has evolved as a journey of formal transformation where the mundane becomes mysterious, and the image ineffable.

Executive Director Sue Roff commented that, 'Attending the studio since 1988, Julian Martin has developed a distinctive artistic style that has met with wide critical acclaim'.

'In 1994 Martin was a finalist in the prestigious Moët & Chandon Travelling Fellowship and has since been included in major art events and prizes both in Australia and overseas', says Gallery Manager and Curator Sim Luttin.

Exhibition curator Dr Cheryl Daye says that, 'Martin transforms the world as we know it. As a society, when we think about art and artists, we contemplate their form and function, part of which is to provide insight into experience and to evoke a sense of revelation. We are moved to see the world in a different way. As an artist, Julian Martin offers us all this and more'.

'Throughout twenty years of experimentation with pastel, Martin has not only shown an interest in the rich terrain where abstraction and representation coalesce, but has paid keen attention to surface, texture, and how accumulative and reductive strategies might be explored in drawing', says Alex Baker, Director, Fleisher Ollman gallery, USA.

*Julian Martin: Transformer* is supported by a full colour [Leonard Joel](#) Series catalogue: the fourth in the series.

Arts Project Australia celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014; these are featured exhibitions in Arts Project's extensive 2014 exhibition and event program.

The artist and curator are available for interview. High-resolution images are available immediately on request and the artist can be photographed with his work. *Julian Martin: Transformer* is on at Arts Project Australia Saturday 30 August – Saturday 4 October 2014 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.



Top: Julian Martin  
*Not titled* 2001  
pastel on paper  
66 x 50cm

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#### QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT

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**WHERE:** Arts Project Australia, 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia  
**DATES:** OPENING: Saturday 30 August, from 3-5pm  
EXHIBITION: 30 August – 4 October 2014  
**SPEAKER:** Rupert Myer AM  
**TIMES:** EXHIBITION OPEN: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am 5pm  
**INFO:** EVENT PAGE: [Julian Martin: Transformer](#), [Facebook](#)  
**WEBSITE:** [www.artsproject.org.au](http://www.artsproject.org.au)  
**ENTRY:** FREE

#### KEY MESSAGE

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- *Julian Martin: Transformer* is a major retrospective solo exhibition spanning 25 years of work by acclaimed artist Julian Martin.
- *Julian Martin: Transformer* is a portrait and abstract exhibition of artwork in pastel on paper.
- *Julian Martin: Transformer* is supported by a full colour [Leonard Joel](#) Series catalogue: the fourth in the series.
- *Julian Martin: Transformer* artwork is available for sale at the exhibition.
- Arts Project Australia celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014.
- 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

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##### **EXHIBITION OPENING Saturday 19 July, 3-5pm**

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson, Executive Director Sue Roff and Rupert Myer AM to introduce and open these two extensive exhibitions. Cost FREE

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