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ARTS PROJECT AUSTRALIA

Simon Finn
Steady State Intervention 2015
charcoal on paper
120 x 70 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne



IT TAKES MORE THAN 140 CHARACTERS TO WRITE A NOVEL

A group exhibition of Melbourne-based artists

17 OCTOBER – 21 NOVEMBER 2015

Arts Project Australia presents a new exhibition *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel*, opening Saturday 17 October from 3-5pm in Northcote. Exhibition curator Dr Vincent Alessi, Senior Lecturer, Creative Arts, La Trobe University will open the exhibition.

Each year, Arts Project Australia invites prominent curators to work with Arts Project Australia to curate an exhibition that places the work of Arts Project studio artists alongside the work of other Australian and/or International contemporary artists in our Northcote gallery space.

It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel is the second of our 2015 externally curated exhibitions. This exhibition explores the use of digital technologies and the photographic image in the creation of paintings, drawings and ceramic objects.

It posits that artists who use technology as the basis of their art making are extending the experience of the “digital eye” so as to reclaim an analogue familiarity. It will present works by artists who create directly from digitally-mediated and photographic images, arguing that the physical act of painting, drawing and object making, and the presence of the artist’s hand brings us closer to the physical world which we inhabit.

Curator Dr Vincent Alessi says, “[The exhibition] celebrates rather than criticises the endless possibilities of technology, revealing how artists use the internet, modern media advertising campaigns and software such as Photoshop and CAD to create artworks which respond, reflect and create new worlds for us to explore”.

The exhibition brings together work by Arts Project artists Alvaro Alvarez, Peter Ben, Erica Berechree, Alan Constable and Chris O’Brien with work by Justin Andrews (NKN Gallery, Melbourne), Simon Finn (Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne) and Darren Wardle (Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne).

Curator and artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available on request and artists can be photographed with their work. *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel* will be featured at Arts Project Australia from Saturday 17 October – Saturday 21 November 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 17 October, from 3-5pm
EXHIBITION: 17 October – 21 November 2015
SPEAKER: Dr Vincent Alessi, Senior Lecturer, Creative Arts, La Trobe University
TIMES: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm
MORE INFO: [*It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel*](#)
WEBSITE: www.artsproject.org.au
ENTRY: FREE

KEY MESSAGE

- *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel* explores the use of digital technologies and the photographic image in the creation of paintings, drawings and ceramic objects;
- *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel* features Melbourne-based artists;
- *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel* is a group exhibition at Arts Project;
- *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel* artwork is available for sale at the exhibition;
- *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel* is accompanied by a full-colour catalogue with an essay by Dr Vincent Alessi;
- **Arts Project Australia** invites two prominent curators each year to curate an exhibition that places Arts Project artists artwork beside the work of other contemporary artists;
- **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 17 October 2015, 3-5pm

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson, Executive Director Sue Roff and exhibition curator Dr Vincent Alessi, Senior Lecturer, Creative Arts, La Trobe University to open the new, group exhibition *It takes more than 140 characters to write a novel*.

Cost FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Alvaro Alvarez
Not titled (Buffalo City Hall, NY) 2015
texta on paper
37 70 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
Arts Project Australia, Melbourne



Justin Andrews
Beyond Time 6 2013
unique print on canvas panel
39 54 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
NKN Gallery, Melbourne



Peter Ben
Modern Egypt 2011
ink, gouache and acrylic
on paper
45.5 65 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
Arts Project Australia, Melbourne

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Erica Berechree
Google Earth 2011
gouache and texta on paper
35 50 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
Arts Project Australia, Melbourne



Darren Wardle
Heavy Metal Gym Junkie 2015
oil and acrylic on canvas
153 213 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne



Alan Constable
Not titled (KFR SLR camera) 2015
ceramic
9 21 11 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
Arts Project Australia, Melbourne



Chris O'Brien
*Marysville House in Clarke
Street Northcote 2013*
ceramic
19 20 11 cm
Courtesy of the artist and
Arts Project Australia, Melbourne