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## **Arts Project Australia Lights Up New York City**

In January 2020, Arts Project Australia partnered with DUTTON and Fleisher/Ollman galleries to present their biggest ever collection of artists and artworks at the Outsider Art Fair in New York.

Arts Project Australia represented nine artists at the Outsider Art Fair, an international exhibition that features self-taught artists in New York City and Paris each year, across two captivating installations of paintings, drawings, ceramics and soft sculpture.

With 12,000 visitors to the fair, Arts Project gained significant attention. The New York Times noted Julian Martin at Fleisher/Ollman's installation as a 'must-see' at the fair. At the DUTTON booth, Lisa Reid caught the attention of New York art critic, Jerry Saltz.

"This... is very, very good. Tell me, who have you uncovered?" Saltz said upon seeing her work and, later, commented on the same work on Arts Project's <u>Instagram</u>, "Strong voice of art."

Other publicity included <u>Antiques Magazine</u> and <u>US Sculpture Magazine</u>. On the ground, Law & Order actress Mariska Hargitay and her husband, actor Peter Hermann, were spellbound by Alan Constable's cameras, saying, "This is the most moving and spectacular work we've ever seen...we need all three. I love them so much."

While soaking up New York City's energy a hemisphere away, Arts Project's heart remained with Australia, donating 10% of all Outsider Art Fair sales to Wildlife Victoria.

Arts Project informed two of 65 galleries presenting installations at the Outsider Art Fair. DUTTON exhibited over 100 artworks on paper, soft sculpture and ceramics by emerging, mid-career and established artists from Australia and New Zealand while Fleisher/Ollman from Philadelphia presented a strong collection of new work by Julian Martin amongst other well-known art brut artists.

Both DUTTON and Fleisher/Ollman have secured and grown Arts Project's presence in the US art market over the years. Coinciding with the fair, Fleisher/Ollman also represented Julian Martin in the FLAG Art Foundation's highly revered exhibition <u>Nicolas Party: Pastel</u>, shown alongside the likes of Mary, Edgar Degas, Louis and Wayne Thiebaud.

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Arts Project Australia is a social enterprise that supports artists with intellectual disabilities, promotes their work and advocates for their inclusion in contemporary art practice within our Northcote-based studio and gallery as well as exhibitions and art prizes in Australia and beyond.

