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Home & the fabric of the familiar

To feel at home is a very personal response.



I m a g e : Brigid Hanrahan, Not titled, 2012, work on canvas, $62 \times 74 \text{ cm}$.

OPENING: Saturday 18 March 2017 | EXHIBITION: 18 March - 22 April 2017

Opening Saturday 18 March 2017 from 3-5pm at Arts Project Australia, *Home & the fabric of the familiar* investigates the personal and aesthetic responses generated by the idea and place of home, articulating and investigating visions of safety, comfort, sanctuary and belonging.

With imagery spanning domestic furnishings, Rubik's cubes, AFL icons, teapots and house sketches, *Home & the fabric of the familiar* reflects how the desire for sanctuary is both personal and universal, speaking of home as a material reality and necessary space, as well as a spiritual and psychological longing.

Exhibition curator Penelope Hunt states, "The exhibition looks at how various artists articulate their desire for a sense of safety and security, whether this is through depicting a variety of everyday objects, symbolic domestic imagery, or the actual figures of home and sanctuary."

"By seeking to understand how and why we aestheticise safety and belonging, we can begin to understand the necessary securities and comforts of home, particularly in a world where a sense of place and sanctuary is an extremely important topic."

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Home & the fabric of the familiar will be opened by Lucy Feagins, Founder and Editor of The Design Files and will display the work of Arts Project Australia artists including <u>Dionne Canzano</u>, <u>Peter Cave</u>, <u>Valerio Ciccone</u>, <u>Boris Cipusev</u>, <u>Alan Constable</u>, <u>Brigid Hanrahan</u>, <u>Fiona Longhurst</u>, <u>Anne Lynch</u>, Amani Tia, <u>Chris O'Brien</u>, Rosie O'Brien, Daniel Pace, Simon Paredes, <u>Lisa Reid</u> and <u>Terry Williams</u>.

Alongside this exhibition is the launch of *The song till the end* a debut solo show by painter Laura Sheehan, whose work explores aspects of her personal experience as well as her ongoing interest in fantasy, blurring realist narratives against illusory imagery.

The exhibition is kindly supported by Creative Victoria, Leonard Joel Auctions and Art Guide Australia.

Penelope Hunt and included artists are available for interviews. High-resolution images are available on request and artists can be photographed with their work.

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.

VENUE INFO & DATES

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

OPENING: Saturday 18 March, from 3-5pm

SPEAKER: Lucy Feagins, Founder and Editor, The Design Files

EXHIBITION: 18 March – 22 April 2017

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

MORE INFO: www.artsproject.org.au

ENTRY: FREE

KEY MESSAGES

- **Home & the fabric of the familiar** investigates the personal and aesthetic responses generated by the idea and place of home and sanctuary;
- **Home & the fabric of the familiar;** reflects upon the desire for sanctuary as both personal and universal, speaking of home as a material reality and necessary space, as well as a spiritual and psychological longing;
- Home & the fabric of the familiar is curated by Penelope Hunt;
- Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom will include painting, drawing and ceramics;
- Luminous kinship, sentient kingdom includes artwork that is available for sale;
- **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.

MEDIA CONTACTS

High-resolution images and captions can be found here.

For further information, interviews or further high-resolution images please contact:

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The song till the end: Laura Sheehan solo <u>event & further information</u>