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6° OF SEPARATION & PATRICK FRANCIS A FEAST OF PORTRAITS OF EMINENT PEOPLE

Arts Project Australia launches two new portrait exhibitions in July: *6° OF SEPARATION* and a solo exhibition by *Melbourne Now* artist Patrick Francis, both opening Saturday 19 July from 3-5pm in Northcote.

6° OF SEPARATION is an exhibition of portraits painted from life of prominent Australian personalities who sat for a portrait in the Arts Project Australia studio. Curated by Sim Luttin, the project connects prominent leaders in the community with Arts Project Australia and its artists and features portraits of politicians, artists, actors, writers, satirists, entrepreneurs, musicians, footballers, and entertainers.

Portrait sitter John Clarke said of his experience, "The emergence of a self-portrait from the study of others is familiar to me. An understanding of the usefulness of a favourite form is very familiar to me. The huge power of an instinctive response is familiar to us all. Seeing these recognisable approaches at work in a group of visual artists I didn't know was an unusual delight."

Featuring work by over 12 Arts Project artists, sitters included Michael Caton, John Clarke, Fiona Corke, Abi Crompton, Bryan Dawe, Peter Fay, Mick Harvey, Judy Holding, John-Michael Howson OAM, Martin King, Teagan Lowe, Lukas Markovic, Alexandra Murray-Leslie, Thérèse Rein, Norman Rosenblatt, Jason Smith, Ricky Swallow, Laura Trevor, Hon Heidi Victoria MLA, Kalman Warhaft and Katherine Wiles.

Coinciding with *6° OF SEPARATION* is **Patrick Francis'** solo exhibition, which runs off the back of his highly successful inclusion in *Melbourne Now* at the National Gallery of Victoria and SAFARI in NSW earlier this year. A prolific painter, Francis' draws on popular culture and art history to create enduring works of off centre sophistication. Over ten of his current works will be exhibited.

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

The artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available immediately on request and artists can be photographed with their work. *6° OF SEPARATION* and Patrick Francis' solo are on at Arts Project Australia Saturday 19 July – Saturday 23 August 2014 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.



Portrait of Ricky Swallow
Paul Hodges *Ricky Standing* 2013
pencil on paper 50 x 35cm



Patrick Francis *Not titled* 2014
pencil on paper 50 x 35cm

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A FEAST OF PORTRAITS OF EMINENT PEOPLE

QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT

WHERE: Arts Project Australia, 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia
DATES: OPENING: Saturday 19 July, from 3-5pm
EXHIBITION: 19 July – 23 August 2014
SPEAKER: Jason Smith, CEO & Director, Heide Museum of Modern Art
TIMES: EXHIBITION OPEN: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am 5pm
INFO: EVENT PAGE: [6° OF SEPARATION](#), [Patrick Francis](#)
WEBSITE: www.artsproject.org.au
ENTRY: FREE

KEY MESSAGE

- *6° OF SEPARATION* is an exhibition of portraits painted from life of prominent Australian personalities who sat for a portrait in the Arts Project Australia studio.
- Patrick Francis' solo is a portrait exhibition of recent work and work exhibited at *Melbourne Now*
- *6° OF SEPARATION* & Patrick Francis' solo predominantly features works on paper
- *6° OF SEPARATION* & Patrick Francis' solo artwork is available for sale at the exhibition
- Arts Project Australia celebrates its 40th 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

EXHIBITION OPENING Saturday 19 July, 3-5pm

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson, Executive Director Sue Roff and Jason Smith, CEO & Director, Heide Museum of Modern Art to introduce and open these two extensive exhibitions. Cost FREE

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