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PARAGON OF VIRTUE— A solo exhibition by Arts Project artist Gavin Porter.

Gavin Porter *Fictional propaganda poster, fictional Dictator* 2015 fineliner and marker on paper 26.5 x 28 cm

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PARAGON OF VIRTUE

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Arts Project Australia presents two new exhibitions in March—a solo show by emerging artist Gavin Porter of recent drawings, and a Next Wave Emerging Curators Program group exhibition *Telltale* featuring work by 10 artists, opening Saturday 19 March from 3-5pm at Arts Project Australia in Northcote.

Porter's first solo exhibition *Paragon of Virtue* will be installed in the front gallery at Arts Project Australia, and presents new work that explores apocalyptic themes. Conceived by Porter, this exhibition features a lead heroine 'Paragon', who is motivated by a strong sense of justice.

In the exhibition, Porter introduces complex graphic novel type narratives, such as the timeless thematic struggle between good and evil. Porter's drawings are frequented by mission driven characters engaged in the pursuit of survival in a futuristic world.

Gavin Porter is available for interview. High-resolution images are available on request. *Paragon of Virtue* and *Telltale* will be on show at Arts Project Australia from Saturday 7 May – Saturday 11 June 2016 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.

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Gavin Porter's quirky narratives in which recurring characters engage in the eternal struggle between good and evil, and post-apocalyptic survival often accompany his complex graphic novel-like drawings. Porter's works present a mixture of colourful drawings in fine liner and marker on paper, as well as black and white ink drawings, starkly rendered to depict a futuristic world inhabited by mission-driven characters.

Born in 1988, **Gavin Porter** has been attending the Arts Project Australia studio since 2007 and has exhibited in numerous group shows including 'Home', locations around Arts Centre Melbourne, the city and surrounds; Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne; and 'Connected', Federation Square, Melbourne. He has also exhibited at each Annual Gala at Arts Project Australia since 2007.

Show Name: Paragon of Virtue

Venue: Arts Project Australia, 24 High Street, Northcote, Vic.

Opening: Opening 3-5pm Saturday 7 May 2016

Opened by: Georgie Meagher, Artistic Director & CEO, Next Wave.

Exhibition runs: 5 May – 11 June 2016.

Times: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm, Sat 10–5pm.

Ticket Prices and Bookings: Free

More info: [Facebook](#), artsprojectaustralia.org.au

Social media: #Gavin_J_Porter / #GavinPorter / @artsprojectaust / #artsprojectaust

Disability access: Yes

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High-resolution images are available on request.

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