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ARTS PROJECT AUSTRALIA

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2014 Annual Gala Exhibition

Arts Project Australia's **2014 Annual Gala** exhibition is a celebration of the achievement of the studio artists and acknowledges their unique contribution to contemporary art.

The **Annual Gala** opens on Saturday 6 December at 3pm. The exhibition will feature a survey of over 150 recent artworks created by 110 artists that currently work in the Northcote-based studio. Over 300 people visit the gallery on Gala opening day each year.

Artworks are available for sale at the opening and throughout the show. Artworks bought will be gift-wrapped on the spot and can be taken home on the day of purchase.

Prices range from \$50 up to \$1000, with many of the public and collectors arriving early to secure an original one-off artwork at great prices.

The **Annual Gala** will include paintings, drawings, ceramics, animation DVD's, printmaking, digital prints and sculpture as well as smaller items such as gift cards, 2015 calendars, artist catalogues, our *So Far...* book and limited edition tea towels created by Third Drawer Down, featuring the artwork of Arts Project artists Paul Hodges and Patrick Francis.

The **Annual Gala** is a highly anticipated event in the Arts Project exhibition calendar and is the last exhibition of the year in the gallery. The extensive show provides an insight into each artist's distinctive practice, whilst revealing the diversity that is unique to the Arts Project studio.

The event will be accompanied by a visit from *Trailer Made Food* mobile food trailer.

The artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available immediately on request and artists can be photographed with their work.

Arts Project Australia's gallery will be closed from Monday 22 December 2014 and will re-open Monday 2 February 2015.

The **Annual Gala** exhibition at Arts project Australia 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070; runs Saturday 6 December until Saturday 20 December 2014. Gallery open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.



Samuel Fenech *Not titled* 2014
conte pencil and paint pen on paper
50 x 50.5cm
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QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT

WHERE: Arts Project Australia, 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia
DATES: 6 – 20 December 2014
TIMES: OPENING: Saturday 6 December, 3-5pm
EXHIBITION: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm
ENTRY: FREE
ARTWORK: All artwork is for sale and range from \$50 - \$1000
MEMBERS: Get to pre-purchase artworks before the official opening
WEBSITE: www.artsproject.org.au

KEY MESSAGES

- 12th Annual Gala exhibition
- Annual Gala celebrates of the achievement of the studio artists and acknowledges their contribution to contemporary art
- Annual Gala features the work of over 110 artists that currently work in Arts Project's Northcote studio
- Annual Gala celebrates paintings, drawings, ceramics, animation DVD's, printmaking, digital prints, puppets and sculpture created recently in the Arts Project studio
- Annual Gala artwork is available for sale and will be gift-wrapped on the day after purchase
- Annual Gala will feature a temporary "Drawing Wall Commission" painted by Cathy Staughton
- Annual Gala is the final exhibition of the year at Arts Project's Northcote gallery space
- Arts Project Australia celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2014 and the Annual Gala is the last exhibition in Arts Project's extensive 2014 exhibition and event program.
- 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

OPENING SPEECH

Saturday 6 December, 3.30pm

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson and Executive Director Sue Roff for an overview of our 40th Anniversary year and for an introduction to our 2015 program.

Cost FREE

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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