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ARTS PROJECT AUSTRALIA

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HELLO SAILOR & DRAWN TOGETHER 30's sailors and drawings from the studio

Arts Project Australia launches its first two exhibitions for 2015: a solo exhibition by Paul Hodges *HELLO SAILOR* & a group exhibition *DRAWN TOGETHER*, both opening Saturday 7 February from 3-5pm in Northcote.

Taking a slight departure from his archetypal portraits inspired by people he observes in popular culture and the arts, Paul Hodges solo exhibition *Hello Sailor* launches a new collection of paintings that focus on sailors and seamen from the 1930's.

Gallery Manager Sim Luttin said, "Paul Hodges has been a regular studio artist at Arts Project Australia since 1998, and has been included in numerous group exhibitions and is held in private collections throughout Australia. This is Paul's first solo exhibition".

Coinciding with *HELLO SAILOR* is *DRAWN TOGETHER*, curated by Suzanne Brown and Elyss McCleary, which brings together a collection of artists from Arts Project Australia with a connection to drawing.

Drawing is a fundamental form of human expression: It has versatility, immediacy and directness and encompasses a diversity of approaches, styles and mediums. *Drawn Together* presents a broad scope of drawing made by artists at Arts Project Australia.

Curators Suzanne Brown and Elyss McCleary said, "For many artists, drawing their primary medium and is an important component of their practice. It is a way of seeing and investigating the world – and that may be with a pencil or a computer".

The exhibitions will be opened by Wilma Tabacco, Artist & Co-Director, Langford 120.

ARTISTS INCLUDE Alvaro Alvarez, Nicholas Capaldo, Riccardo Cardinale, Leo Cussen, Wendy Dawson, Jamie Dawes, Emily Dober, Martin Forster, Bronwyn Hack, Brigid Hanrahan, Miles Howard-Wilks, John Huggins, Thomas Iacono, Kate Knight, Bobby Kyriakopoulos, Adrian Lazzaro, Andrew Ledwidge, Fiona Longhurst, Orion Manzart, Julian Martin, Cameron Noble, Nhan Nguyen, Chris O'Brien, Warren O'Brien, Lisa Reid, Brendan Slee, Rebecca Scibilia, Amani Tia and Timothy Williams.

Artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available immediately on request and artists can be photographed with their work. *HELLO SAILOR & DRAWN TOGETHER* are featured at Arts Project Australia from Saturday 7 February – Saturday 14 March 2015 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.



Paul Hodges *Working on the boat* 2014
posca paint and texta



Adrian Lazzaro *Not Titled* 2014
acrylic paint, paint pen & felt pen on paper

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QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT

WHERE: Arts Project Australia, 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia
DATES: OPENING: Saturday 7 February, from 3-5pm
EXHIBITION: 7 February – 14 March 2015
SPEAKER: Wilma Tabacco, Artist & Co-Director, Langford 120
TIMES: EXHIBITION OPEN: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am 5pm
INFO: EVENT PAGE: [HELLO SAILOR](#) & [DRAWN TOGETHER](#)
WEBSITE: www.artsproject.org.au
ENTRY: FREE

KEY MESSAGE

- *HELLO SAILOR* is a solo exhibition by Paul Hodges, and launches a new collection of paintings that focus on sailors and seamen from the 1930's
- *HELLO SAILOR* is Paul Hodges first solo exhibition
- *DRAWN TOGETHER* presents work by 29 artists from Arts Project Australia with a connection to drawing
- *DRAWN TOGETHER & HELLO SAILOR* is an exhibition of work on paper
- *DRAWN TOGETHER & HELLO SAILOR* artwork is available for sale at the exhibition
- 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 7 February 2015, 3-5pm

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson, Executive Director Sue Roff and Wilma Tabacco, Artist & Co-Director, Langford 120 to open these two extensive exhibitions.

Cost FREE

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