

MEDIA RELEASE – for immediate release

## ARTS PROJECT AUSTRALIA



Shannon Smiley  
*Dark Forest, Northcote 2013* (detail)  
oil on linen, 107 - 140 cm  
Courtesy of the artist; Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide; and  
THIS IS NO FANTASY + Dianne Tanzer Gallery, Melbourne

### *SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY*

A group exhibition of Australian and international artists

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13 JUNE – 11 JULY 2015

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Arts Project Australia presents a new exhibition *Somewhere in the city*, opening Saturday 13 June from 3-5pm in Northcote. Exhibition curator Karra Rees, Managing Curator, Centre for Contemporary Photography will open the exhibition.

Each year, Arts Project Australia invites prominent curators to work with Arts Project Australia to curate an exhibition that places the work of our studio artists alongside the work of other Australian and International contemporary artists in our Northcote gallery space.

*Somewhere in the city* is the first of our 2015 externally curated exhibitions. The exhibition explores the fabric of our urban environment and aspects of daily life through both individual and collective experiences.

Everyday, mundane routines and scenes are re-imagined, revealing the way that built environments can both activate and impede our engagement with our surroundings. Set against the backdrop of the city and the suburbs, quotidian rituals unfold through visions that are familiar and unexpected. From quiet, overlooked corners of the metropolis, to the drone of rush-hour traffic and city crowds, the artists navigate shared spaces and the structures that form them.

Curator Karra Rees says, "Representing not only the physical structures that we use and inhabit, viewers also become privy to private moments in public spaces through aspects of the artists' internal meditations, which mutate, mould and colour their cityscapes to the beat of individual experience".

The exhibition brings together work by Arts Project artists Boris Cipusev, Miles Howard-Wilks, Kate Knight, Gavin Porter, Charlie Sofo and Terry Williams, with work by artists from Australia and overseas: Junebun Park (GALLERY HYUNDAI), Liesl Pfeffer, Shannon Smiley (Hill Smith Gallery and THIS IS NO FANTASY + Dianne Tanzer Gallery), Charlie Sofo (Darren Knight Gallery) and Kensuke Todo (King Street Gallery).

Artists are available for interview. High-resolution images are available on request and artists can be photographed with their work. *Somewhere in the city* will be featured at Arts Project Australia from Saturday 13 June – Saturday 11 July 2015 at 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070. The gallery is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm.

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5 June 2015

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#### QUICK REFERENCE DOCUMENT

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**WHERE:** Arts Project Australia, 24 High St Northcote VIC 3070 Australia  
**DATES:** OPENING: Saturday 13 June, from 3-5pm  
**EXHIBITION:** 13 June – 11 July 2015  
**SPEAKER:** Karra Rees, Managing Curator, Centre for Contemporary Photography  
**TIMES:** Monday – Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm  
**MORE INFO:** [Somewhere in the city](#)  
**WEBSITE:** [www.artsproject.org.au](http://www.artsproject.org.au)  
**ENTRY:** FREE

#### KEY MESSAGE

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- *Somewhere in the city* explores the fabric of our urban environment and aspects of daily life through both individual and collective experiences;
- *Somewhere in the city* features Arts Project artists as well as Australian and International artists;
- *Somewhere in the city* is a group exhibition featuring paintings, sculpture, video and photography;
- *Somewhere in the city* artwork is available for sale at the exhibition;
- *Somewhere in the city* will be accompanied by a full-colour catalogue with an essay by the curator
- *Arts Project Australia* invites two prominent curators each year to curate an exhibition that places Arts Project artists artwork beside the work of other contemporary artists;
- *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

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##### EXHIBITION OPENING

**Saturday 13 June 2015, 3-5pm**

Join Arts Project Australia President Bronwyn Johnson, Executive Director Sue Roff and exhibition curator Karra Rees, Managing Curator, Centre for Contemporary Photography to open the group exhibition *Somewhere in the city*.

Cost FREE

#### MEDIA CONTACTS

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For further information, interviews or high-resolution images:

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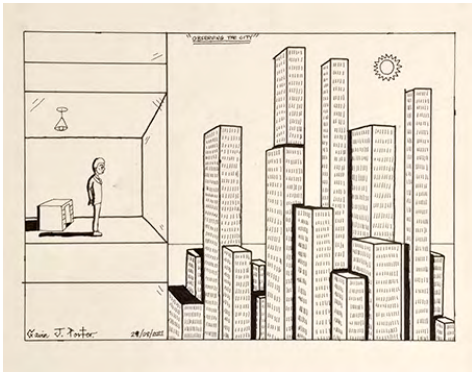
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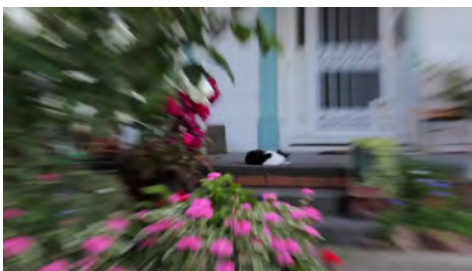
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Gavin Porter  
*Observing the city* 2011  
fine-liner on paper  
25 x 33 cm  
Courtesy of the artist and Arts Project Australia, Melbourne



Charlie Sofo  
*Cats* 2011 (video still)  
single channel digital video, colour, stereo sound  
1 min 1 sec, dimensions variable  
edition of 8  
Courtesy of the artist and Darren Knight Gallery Sydney



Miles Howard-Wilks  
*Not titled* 2011  
gouache and ink on paper  
57 x 75 cm  
Courtesy of the artist and Arts Project Australia, Melbourne



Junebum Park  
*To Let* 2015  
type C print  
101.6 x 101.6 cm  
Courtesy of the artist and GALLERY HYUNDAI, Seoul