

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Australian Academy of Design announces two exhibitions by visual artists studying at the Academy. The exhibitions will be held simultaneously in the Academy's Clement Meadmore Gallery.

Date: 27 May - 5 June 2009

First Exhibition

Title: FortySix.8:Rising Down

Artists: 2nd Year Visual Art Students

"FortySix.8:Rising Down" is a group of eight visual artists joining together to express their thoughts, fears, hopes and dream solutions based on 46.8 degrees Celsius, the highest temperature recorded in Melbourne for over 100 years, which occurred on Black Saturday, 7 February 2009. The exhibition explores the different responses to this event from each artist, using a combination of techniques such as painting, drawing, photography, installation and assemblage.

Second Exhibition

Title: Visual Rhythms

Artist: 3rd Year Visual Art Student

"Visual Rhythms" is the first solo exhibition from emerging visual artist Lily Vincitorio. Lily's work explores the Australian landscape using colour, line, pattern and texture, focusing on the relationship between colour and line to create harmony and movement. The exhibition is an interplay between these rhythms through the mediums of collage, digital prints and artist books.

Both exhibitions open on 27 May from 6pm - 8pm.

The exhibitions are open to the public 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday from 28 May - 5 June 2009.

To be held at the Australian Academy of Design, in the Clement Meadmore Gallery, 220 Ingles Street, Port Melbourne.

About the Australian Academy of Design

The Australian Academy of Design is a not-for-profit higher education provider specialising in art and design education. Key objectives are to develop creative, innovative industry leaders responsive to community and environmental concerns, with a commitment to, and appreciation of, design effectiveness. The Academy's accredited Bachelor of Design Arts course enables students to undertake major studies in advertising, fashion design, graphic design, photo media and visual arts. Post-graduate studies and international exchanges are also available.

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