

Renew Newcastle projects - October Exhibitions

Dates: 1 -4 October

Installation: DJ Smallcock's Vinyl Arcade

Artist: Lucas Abela, with electrical engineering assistance by Frederick Rodrigues

Description: The Vinyl Arcade is a participatory play-set, playing off vinyl fetishism, video arcade mystique and the machismo of motor sports. An immersive sound instrument putting you in the drivers seat of a tiny remote control car with styli attached as it navigates its way through a landscape of disused vinyl records. Please bring any non essential vinyl with you to throw in the pit!

Co presented by Electrofringe www.electrofringe.net and Renew Newcastle for this years This Is Not Art festival. www.thisisnotart.org

Time: Open Daily 3-6pm

Location: Shop 45, 164-170 Hunter St Mall

Contact: <http://dualplover.com/vinylarcade.html>

Dates: 1 - 21 October

Exhibition: Decks

Artist/s: Kris Keogh and David Collins **Curator:** Nick Nelson

Description: Kris and David have been friends for years. They both skated in the day, and have taken their beloved Posca pens to abandoned skateboards for their work in this show.

Opening Night: Thursday 01 Oct 2009

Time: 6pm

Project: Upcycling Gallery

Location: Shop 2, Silk House, 200 Hunter St Mall

About: Upcycling Gallery is a place to showcase art and design made with recycled material in imaginative ways.

Gallery Opening Hours: Wed – Sat 11am – 3pm or by appointment 0414 560 011.

Contact: Nick Nelson: nick@upcycling.com.au

Dates: 2 – 24 October

Exhibition: The Garden of Forking Paths

Artist/s: Laurie Anderson (USA) with Hsin-Chien Huang (Taiwan), Tale of Tales (Belgium), Jaron Lanier (USA), Michael Nyman (UK), Nina Pope and Karen Guthrie (UK), Anita Fontaine (Australia) and Mike Pelletier (Canada), Andy Deck (USA)

Curator: Neil Jenkins

Description: An exhibition of historic and contemporary artists' computer games. Jorge Luis Borges' 1941 short story "The Garden of Forking Paths" predates the Internet but its notions of non-linearity, the storyline surrounding an infinite labyrinthine book that realises multiple paths and futures are echoed in the information age with hypertext, the World Wide Web and the form and structure of computer games. Just as Borges and his contemporaries pushed the envelope of the narrative form, so too artists have been creating and modifying computer games, experimenting with the notions of what a game is and exploring alternate approaches to interaction and play methodologies. This exhibition draws together notable historic and contemporary examples of games created by artists that push the bounds of the genre and break the orthodox set of rules.

Opening Night: Friday 2nd October

Time: 6 – 9 pm

About: Loop Space is a sound and digital media art space.

Gallery Opening Hours: Thurs – Fri 11-5, Saturday 11 -4

Contact Damian Castaldi or Solange Kershaw by email: info@loopoz.com www.loopoz.com

Dates: From 2 October

Exhibition: First Works in Silver

Artist: Lula

Description: The artist's first exhibition of works using sterling silver. Handmade jewellery using fine filigree techniques. Demonstrations and workshops available during normal opening hours.

Opening Night: Friday 02 Oct

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Project: Art Brasil

Location: Shop 24 Market Square, Hunter St Mall

About: Art Brasil – hand made jewellery workshop.

Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am - 5pm, Thurs 9am – 7pm or by appointment 0432 108 455

Contact www.artbrasil.com.au

Dates: 2 -10 October 2009

Exhibition: Male

Artist/s: various, local contributors. **Curator:** Mark St. Clair

Description: Celebrating the male in all his forms, coinciding with the men's health conference.

Opening Night: Friday 02 Oct

Time: 7pm

Project: Gallery Raw, House of Photography

Location: 147 Hunter St Mall Newcastle

About: Gallery Raw, Newcastle House of Photography – an art photography gallery.

Gallery Opening Hours: Thurs – Sat 10am – 4pm or by appointment 0413 348 528.

Contact Gallery Raw by email admin@galleryraw.com. www.galleryraw.com

Dates: 2 Oct – 5 Nov

Exhibition: Wonder Chamber: a collection of the curious, wondrous, and whimsical

Artists: 7U?, Textaqueen, Emily Hasselhoof, Leigh Rigozzi, Helen Nehill, Neil Tomkins, Ace Wagstaff, Chris Tamm, Kake Geck, and Licky the Cream... (until Nov 6th)

Opening Night: Friday 02 Oct

Time: 5pm – 8pm

Project: Totoro's Teahouse

Location: Shop 1, 111 Hunter St Mall

About: A gallery tea house

Dates: Until 9 October
Exhibition: **The Twilight Girls present 'Wet Walls'**
Artist/s: The Twilight Girls **Curator:** Penny Thwaite
Description: A site-specific installation situated on the glass windows of the Silk House shopfront. The Twilight Girls bring a mix of the tactile, the architectural and classic 70s design to the windows of Silk House. Come down and see this unusual installation.....is it water? Is it glass? How did they do it??
Project: **SilkHouseARTProjects**
Location: Shop 1, 200 Hunter St Mall
About: SilkHouseARTProjects is a series of installations and experimental art projects. The works will vary in material and process. You may find the artist is working in the space during setup and throughout the exhibition.
Gallery Opening Hours: Works viewable 24hrs & open to visit 10-5 each Saturday.
Contact SHARP by email info@silkhouseartprojects.com www.silkhouseartprojects.com

Dates: 12 Sept - 5 Oct
Exhibition: **TYRANNOSAURUS REX**
Artist/s: Kalindy Williams, Nicholas French, Kell Derrig-Hall, Erech Overaker, Marnie Vaughn, Elizabeth Nagy, Demi Iacoptta, Stephanie Cola, Morgan Cabot, Luke Johnston, Grant Hunter, Daniel Hogan, Eli Partridge, Matt Niccoli, Mike Foxall, Andrea Lam, Sam Witek, Jen Tait **Curator:** Grant Hunter
Description: The current exhibition of natural history at the ARThive Gallery is titled TYRANNOSAURUS REX. Amateur paleontologist Grant Hunter has unearthed a large collection of new specimens on his latest dig, and has kindly decided to share them.
Project: **ARThive**
Location: Level 1 / 111 Hunter St Mall Newcastle (Access via Morgan Street)
About: Artist Run Exhibition Space
Gallery Opening Hours: Tues– Sat 12pm – 5pm or by appointment.
Contact ARThive by email subjecthive@gmail.com subjecthive.blogspot.com