

MEDIA RELEASE
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CarriageWorks, Sydney's newest arts centre, is delighted to announce a new event on the arts calendar:

carriageARTworks Contemporary art of the city fringe | 15 – 24 January 2009

The inaugural *carriageARTworks* is a **FREE** curated exhibition of contemporary artwork from galleries and artist run initiatives (ARIs)* of the south west city fringe area of Sydney. Held in the vast, post-industrial foyer of CarriageWorks, the exhibition will be open to everyone and all artworks will be available for sale.

carriageARTworks will showcase the south west city fringe area as a thriving place for contemporary art in Sydney, and develop a strong network of the best established *and* emerging visual artists and galleries in the community. Artworks from approximately 15 local galleries and ARIs will be exhibited.

Presented by CarriageWorks, *carriageARTworks* will be curated by a panel of expert gallerists and artist representatives including: Nicky Ginsberg of NG Art Gallery, Brendan Penzer of At the Vanishing Point - Contemporary Art, Michelle Perry of Wilson Street Gallery and artist representatives Janet Lawrence, Mark Wotherspoon and Alan Jones.

carriageARTworks is unique in its approach of bringing galleries and ARIs together to curate and present work under one roof in a free exhibition open to everyone. *carriageARTworks* is a rare opportunity for galleries and artists to gain broad exposure to gallerists, curators, the artistic community, collectors as well as the general viewing public all at the same time.

Contemporary art of all mediums has been solicited from galleries and ARIs, ensuring that the exhibition showcases the diversity of creative practices alive in the south west city fringe.

In addition to the contemporary art exhibition, *carriageARTworks* will also include a series of artist talks open to everyone, and a forum discussion driven by artists and prominent gallerists featured in the exhibition.

carriageARTworks will be a professional and accessible showcase of established and emerging talent from this thriving artistic community - but more than just a showcase. Coordinator Brendan Penzer says: '*Art in Sydney is moving beyond the Eastern Suburbs and we want to let everyone in on the secret. Visitors will be introduced to some of the major and emerging figures in the local art world - practitioners and curators - and find out how they are changing the art scene in Sydney. It is also a tailor-made opportunity for the big public galleries, the press and collectors to come face to face with this exciting urban fringe arts community.*'

The south west city fringe area stretches north to Parramatta Road, east to Bourke Street, south to the Princess Highway through Sydenham, west to Marrickville and Petersham - with CarriageWorks lying at the heart of the area.

* An Artist Run Initiative (ARI) is a cooperative of artists who are unrepresented by commercial galleries or artist agents.

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| EXHIBITION DATES | Thursday 15 January - Saturday 24 January 2008 |
| EXHIBITION TIMES | Monday to Saturday 12pm - 8pm Sunday 4pm - 8pm |
| ARTIST TALKS | Saturday 17 January and Thursday 22 January Open to all, time TBC |
| FORUM | Saturday 24 January Limited seated audience, time TBC |
| VENUE | CarriageWorks, 245 Wilson Street Eveleigh Main entrance: Cnr of Codrington Street Nearest train: Redfern or Macdonaldtown |
| FREE PARKING | Enter at 229 Wilson Street, opposite Queen Street |
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