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**NG ART GALLERY PRESENTS  
'UNDERGROUND TO ABOVEGROUND'  
THE FRASERSTUDIOS RESIDENCY ARTISTS**

**31 March – 18 April 2009  
NG Art Gallery, Chippendale**

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NG Art Gallery will host an exhibition of multi-disciplinary artworks and performances created by some of Sydney's emerging and highly progressive artists, opening Tuesday 31 March 2009. NG Art Gallery presents '*Underground to Above Ground*' *The FraserStudios Residency Artists* will be officially opened by the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore MP along with guest speaker Rachel Kent, senior curator at the MCA. The exhibition will showcase the work of the first two residencies, of four in total, in the ground-breaking FraserStudios Visual and Performing Arts Residency Programs.

The FraserStudios Artist Residency Program is a new initiative introduced by developer Frasers Property to make creative use of vacant warehouse spaces in the old Kent Brewery development site, on Broadway. Since September 2008, three warehouses at 10-14 Kensington Street, Chippendale have been temporarily transformed into multi-disciplinary art spaces including a free visual arts residency program, a performing arts residency program and subsidised rehearsal space for the performing arts community.

Upon opening the space late last year, the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore MP strongly supported the connection between property regeneration and the arts community that FraserStudios promotes by saying:

"The FraserStudios project represents a revolution, transforming dark and vacant buildings into light-filled studio spaces where artists can work – their creativity unburdened by the need to pay exorbitant inner-city rents. Affordable studio spaces make it possible for working artists to be a part of the everyday life of our city."

This unique project sees Frasers Property work alongside local arts organisation Queen Street Studio who have created and produced the creative program of activity from late September 2008 to October 2009. The project aims to encourage artistic development and exchange by providing free work space and subsidised rehearsal space to both the visual and performing arts community in Sydney. FraserStudios also aims to add to the cultural life of Chippendale with an emphasis on local community development and engagement through a diversity of art form practises and skill development programs.

The chief executive of Frasers Property, Nicholas Wolff, said that "by transforming vacant space into creative space, this underused laneway has come alive."

Nicky Ginsberg, curator of Chippendale's forward-thinking artistic entity, NG Art Gallery, played a key role in the selection of artists for the program. Ginsberg felt the desire to contribute further to the project by hosting an exhibition of the residency works at the gallery. It has been the unwavering desire of Nicky Ginsberg to not only facilitate the work of established, high-profile artists in Sydney,

but to also create a platform in which talented, emerging artists gain a voice and a level of exposure to audiences that they would not traditionally have the opportunity to access.

Some of the artists selected for the March exhibition will include winner of the 2008 Helen Lempriere Travelling Art Scholarship, Diego Bonetto, as well as Zanny Begg, Mai Long, Rudy Kistler, Lara Thoms, Daniel Malecki, Chris Fox, Zoe Coombs Marr, 'Scribla', Sumugan Sivanesan, Sarah Goffman, George Knut, Jessica Sutton, Pamela Brenner, Johannes Muljana and Gareth Ernst. The selected works cross the mediums of video art, craft, installation art, sculpture and mixed media, as well performance art works, exemplifying the multi-disciplinary, cutting-edge nature of the program. Rosie Dennis, an international performance artist and a resident of the FraserStudios Performing Arts Residency Program, will present a live performance piece on the opening night of the exhibition.

The exhibition and documentary will be generously sponsored by Frasers Property, 10Group and Setanta Wines from the Adelaide Hills.

**NG Art Gallery presents 'Underground to Above Ground' The FraserStudios Residency Artists.**

**Opening reception Tuesday 31 March 6 – 8pm**  
NG Art Gallery, 3 Little Queen Street, Chippendale.

**Exhibition runs 31 March – 18 April 2009.**

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**SPECIAL FEAST FOR THE SENSES DINNER EVENT**

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**TUESDAY 7 APRIL 09 - | 6:30 for 7pm**  
3 course dinner including wine

Followed by a conversation between **Luca Belgiorno-Nettis**, Chairman of the Biennale of Sydney & **Eleonora Triguboff**, Editor-in-Chief of Art & Australia on '**Art of the Cutting Edge : Underground to Above Ground**'.

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