

AGWA FOUNDATION

Upcoming Foundation Events 2017

March – April 2017

Monday 20 March, 10.30am

FOUNDATION PICTURE CLUB

In a casual setting our expert Gallery Guides take members on an adventure through art to further develop understanding and appreciation of the treasures in the Gallery.

Tuesday 21 March, 6pm

FOUNDATION CONSERVATION TOUR

Join an exclusive tour of the Gallery's Conservation Lab with Dr Maria Kubik and our dedicated team of Art Conservators. Take a peek into the behind the scenes work and the technology and science the experts use to not only preserve the works, but also find new and intriguing details and secrets the artists have left behind.

Thursday 30 March, 6pm

FOUNDATION AFTER HOURS CELEBRATION, LUMINOUS: 15 YEARS OF THE TOM MALONE PRIZE

Established in 2003, the **Tom Malone Prize** is the Gallery's annual acquisitive glass prize. Since its inception, the Prize has enabled the Gallery to significantly develop its holdings of works by Australia's most inspiring, innovative and accomplished artists in this captivating medium.

This year's exhibition will mark the 15th anniversary of the award. It will not only include the shortlisted works for 2017, but all works by past winners, and selected works by Australian glass artists.

As numbers are limited, invitations will be extended to members at the level of Fellow and above.

Friday 31 March, 6pm

EXHIBITION OPENING, WA FOCUS: NATHAN BEARD

Born in 1987, Nathan Beard is a young Western Australian artist whose work deals with the fluid nature of personal and cultural identities. Often based in an exploration of his own Thai-Australian background, his practice is conceptually and materially hybrid as he combines sumptuously rendered sculpture, video, photography and drawing to produce thoughtful, provocative and elusive experiences. His **WA Focus** exhibition will fully engage with the possibilities of the gallery space to create a dramatic, multi-faceted installation.

Monday 10 April, 10.30am – **N.B. Please note change to the schedule to accommodate Easter Monday**

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May – June 2017

Wednesday 3 May, 6pm

CURATOR TALK: *EVERYONE HAS A HISTORY, PART ONE: PLAIN SPEAK*

Join Carly Lane, Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, on a private tour of *Everyone has a History, Part One: Plain Speak*, the first in a new series of indigenous exhibitions.

Saturday 13 May 2017, 9am

EXHIBITION PREVIEW, *SNEAKERHEADS: THE RISE OF SNEAKER CULTURE*

Join us for coffee and bagels and a private viewing of this unique exhibition before it opens to the public. *The Rise of Sneaker Culture* tells the sneaker's complex and fascinating story – from its beginnings in the mid-nineteenth century to its emergence in the present day as a cultural icon. The sneakers on show are drawn from the Bata Shoe Museum, Toronto; the Northampton Museums and Art Gallery; the archives of Adidas, Nike, Reebok, PUMA, and Converse; as well as private collectors. The selection is also richly contextualised with film footage, interactive media, photographs, and design drawings, creating a backdrop of the social history, technical innovation, fashion trends, and marketing campaigns that shaped the sneaker's form over the past two centuries.

Stay on at the Gallery from 10am with entertainment and activities planned throughout the day.

Please also see Foundation event information on 29 May below.

Monday 15 May, 10.30am

FOUNDATION PICTURE CLUB

Join us in celebrating 10 years of Foundation Picture Club.

On this special edition of our wonderful Picture Club, our expert Gallery Guides will take members on a special adventure through the State Gallery collection.

Saturday 20 May 2017, 7pm

ART BALL

It's back! Following the 2016 sold out extravaganza, Art Ball in support of the AGWA Foundation returns with even more creative energy. Join us for an evening filled with art, music, performance and avant-garde style – a high end spectacle not to be missed!

Thursday 1 June, 6pm

FOUNDATION POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER EVENING

An opportunity for people interested in the Foundation to have an after-hours tour with the Director and discover the opportunities that Membership offers. Please contact the Foundation Office if you have guests that may like to attend.

Monday 19 June, 10.30am

FOUNDATION AFTER HOURS TOUR: *SNEAKERHEADS: THE RISE OF SNEAKER CULTURE*

Join us on a private after-hours tour of this exciting exhibition.

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July – October 2017

Monday 17 July, 10.30am

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Monday 19 July, 10.30am – 12:00pm

COLLECTING HISTORICAL ART TALK AND TOUR

Join Melissa Harpley, the Gallery's Curator of Historical Art for a private tour of the State Art Gallery's historical collection. Foundation members will receive a unique insight into the significance of various works in this collection as well as an overview of how works are selected for acquisition.

Monday 21 August, 10.30am

FOUNDATION PICTURE CLUB

AGWA Gallery Guides lead Foundation members in a casual discussion each month about different works on display in your State Art Gallery.

Friday 1 September, 6pm

EXHIBITION OPENING, WA FOCUS: GREG PRYOR

WA artist Gregory Pryor will create an immersive new work which draws upon his investigations into isolated landscapes of Western Australia – many of which are landscape fragments or remnants and as such could be read as a meditation upon the residues of country. By focusing on the presence of missing landscape elements and how the studio processes of drawing and painting can articulate these, Pryor's work aims to involve viewers in a more complete experience of one of the oldest exposed land masses on earth.

Tuesday 5 September, 6pm

CURATOR TOUR, NEW INDIGENOUS GALLERY

Take an exclusive private tour with Carly Lane, Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, of the Gallery's major Indigenous project for 2017. **Six Seasons** will see the

implementation of a new permanent dedicated Indigenous Gallery and the ambitious plan to digitise the entire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art collection.

Monday 11 September

THE 2017 DIRECTOR'S TOUR FOR FOUNDATION MEMBERS: IRAN

Led by AGWA Director, Dr Stefano Carboni, this trip promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience this complex, beautiful and intriguing country, with the knowledge and insight that only Stefano, who is a scholar of Islamic Art, can bring.

Promising a journey from ancient through contemporary culture and the arts, the tour will commence in Doha, Qatar, with a viewing of the works of the world-class collection at the Qatar Museum of Islamic Art. From there, the journey will continue on to Iran and highlights such as Shiraz, 'the city of roses and nightingales'; the extraordinary ancient sites of Persepolis and Pasargadae; Isfahan: the 'Pearl of Islam', as well as the ruins of the Mongol palace at Takht-i Sulayman and the dynamic capital of the country Tehran.

Open to members at the level of Fellow and above

Friday 13 October, 6pm

EXHIBITION OPENING, HEATH LEDGER: A LIFE IN PICTURES

Film legend Heath Ledger was a charismatic movie star who pushed boundaries and portrayed iconic roles – but he was also much more than that. This unique exhibition, curated in collaboration with his family, will show that from his teenage years in Western Australia to his final role as Tony in *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus* (2009), his career was driven by a passion for creativity. Mementos from Ledger's personal archive will be on display for the first time. They convey the actor's deep commitment to his profession, as well as offering behind-the-scenes insights into the processes of the film industry.

Monday 16 October, 10.30am

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Please join our expert Gallery Guides as they lead you on an adventure to discover the treasures in your State Gallery.

November 2017

Friday 10 November, 6pm

FOUNDATION PREVIEW: BLACK SWAN PORTRAIT PRIZE AWARD NIGHT

Foundation members will be able to preview the 11th Black Swan Prize for Portraiture. Established in 2007, this is one of Australia's richest portraiture prizes, featuring the \$50,000 Lester Group 1st Prize and a \$7,500 People's Choice Award.

Monday 20th November, 10.30am

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Tuesday 28 November, 5pm

FOUNDATION AGM AND END OF YEAR CELEBRATION INCLUDING AGWA 2018 PROGRAM LAUNCH

End of year celebration including a viewing of new works acquired for your State Art Collection as a result of Foundation support.

The Foundation will send you invitations to these events as they approach, and you will be notified of any changes to the schedule. For further information please phone the Foundation Office on 9492 6761 or email foundation@artgallery.wa.gov.au

