

Media Release

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EXHIBITIONS OF WONDER FOR CHILDREN

11 June – 7 August 2016



Hazelhurst Regional Gallery will be transformed into a creative playground from 11 June to 17 August when it presents two exhibitions with a particular focus on children and families.

WONDER Contemporary Art for Children is an innovative exhibition for children, families and the young at heart. Eleven contemporary artists invite kids to test the limits of their imagination as they engage with their work, learn through creative play and explore the concept of the gallery as a playground. Artists have developed innovative and experimental works specifically for this exhibition providing many fun opportunities for interaction:

- ☺ Make some kitsch creatures and psychedelic plants to add to the growing rainbow rainforest by Rosie Deacon in the gallery foyer.
- ☺ Get up and boogie with Thom and Angelmouse in their skyscraper city.
- ☺ Touch, hug, push, jump and listen to activate musical soft sculptures in *The Sound Playground* by Vicky Browne.
- ☺ Watch the video in the Assembly installation by David Capra, Mikala Dwyer and Justene Williams, dress up in a costume and dance and perform.
- ☺ Touch the forest sculptures, carefully feel inside the hollows and listen to the sounds of the creatures in the magical installation by Alison Clouston & Boyd.
- ☺ And there's much more!

Artists featured include Tully Arnot, Harriet Body, Vicky Browne, David Capra, Alison Clouston and Boyd, Rosie Deacon and Camille Serisier.

Also on show in the Regional Gallery is **THE ADVENTURES OF AECAP** a show by Brisbane-based artist Alasdair Macintyre who creates hand-made miniature theatrical scenarios that are played out by sculpted figurines in the form of highly detailed scenes. He has created a new body of work for Hazelhurst with large scale interactive pieces and hands-on activities, where Aecap, Alasdair Macintyre's self referential character, explores what it means to be an artist.

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Pick up your free activity book and join Aecap on his adventure! Kids can also ride with Aecap and Impasto aboard the rollicking Splatsmobile, cozy up to the art-huggy monster, step inside the Junior Artist box or become a Young Master.

In addition to these fabulous children focussed exhibitions, Sutherland Shire Council will also stage an exciting 2-week program of activities for kids of all ages, from **Monday 4 July to Sunday 17 July!** Hazelhurst will be one of a number of Council venues participating in the Shire Kids Festival, and will be running various activities including:

- Free artist led kids workshops in the Wonder Studio
- Free Kids Holiday Film program, with daily screenings (10am Mon-Fri) in the Hazelhurst theatrette. Screenings include Flickerkids and ATOM Awards
- Free kids exhibition *Operation Art* in the Community Gallery
- School Holidays Art Classes in the studios



For further details visit our website.

Image captions:

Left: Rosie Deacon, *Fun Foam Fantastical-Fabulous Fun!*, 2015, installation view, Firstdraft, Sydney.

Right: Alasdair Macintyre *Studio Run* (detail) 2015, polymer clay, polyester resin, wood, plastic, canvas, acrylic paint, courtesy of the artist and Sullivan + Strumpf, Sydney.

For further details please visit www.hazelhurst.com.au.

On Show: 11 June – 7 August 2016

At: Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, 782 Kingsway, Gymea NSW

Open: Daily 10am – 5pm.

Admission: Free

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