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18 Feb to 30 Mar 2020 John Mutsaers - Infinite Birdcage Opening 2-4pm 23 Mar 2020

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Entry form with conditions of entry included in this email. www.archiesbaldprize.com

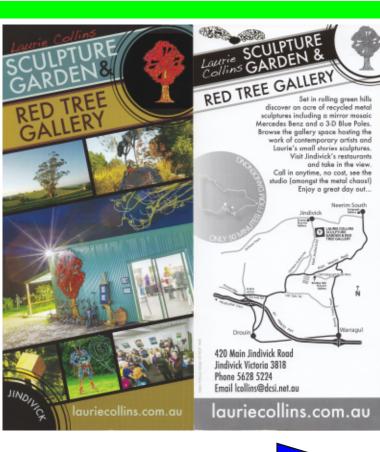


More information about what's on at ArtSpace Gallery at <u>www.artspacewonthaggi.com.au</u>.

Enquire about becoming an ArtSpace volunteer! We need YOU! Volunteer for a 3 hour shift, various days and times available: (10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm). Contact Lynne Jansen at ArtSpace Gallery, 03 5672 5767.

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PAINTING WORKSHOPS WITH MANDY GUNN

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A selection of her work can be viewed a www.mandygunnart.com



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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT ... John Mutsaers

Written by Liane Arno Ironically in the midst of the organisation of the Archies Bald Portrait Prize in honour of the hairless head and cancer fundraiser, of which John Mutsaers was the Chair, John was diagnosed with prostate cancer. As he stood on the podium teasing people into answering whether they would have liked to be there at the inaugural Archibald Prize in the same way that they were this evening at its tongue in cheek take-off ("Of course not - you'd be dead," he quips) he was not thinking of his own mortality - but what he still needed to do.

And what he needed to do was to finish his Infinite Birdcage Series of paintings, which symbolises the human need for freedom. As John shows me around his home and studio I am thrilled that the series will have its first official showing at ArtSpace. Each piece is so different to the other and yet it is also such a cohesive series.

As John started to develop his theme of freedom he became more and more engaged with the concept and what it meant. As his paintbrush carried out where his imagination was guiding him to create his captivating works he started filling the canvas with symbolism, metaphors and themes. Everything from cheeky sulphur crested cockatoos pecking at a starched linen tablecloth to aboriginal totems to scorched earth.

When I have a look at the dictionary definition of freedom it says, "the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants." I must say I started to think – do we ever really have such power? After all - it may be a right – but can it be truly exercised without fear of reprisal, fear of rejection, fear of hurting someone we care about?

But that question against a background of a comfortable and happy existence is so trivial compared to others. What does freedom mean to a refugee? A prisoner? A woman in an ISIS state? A person unable to walk? A partner in a controlling and possibly violent relationship? An indigenous elder taken from his land? A person trapped in their own body and only able to blink to communicate? Or not having the freedom of a day without hearing voices in their head? How often do we rob ourselves of freedom and dwell infinitely in our own cage?



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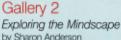
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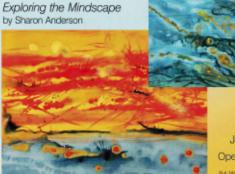
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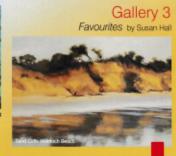
An Evening with Sarah Hope Artist and Author:

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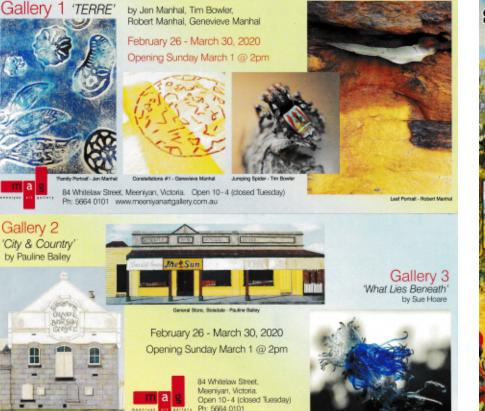
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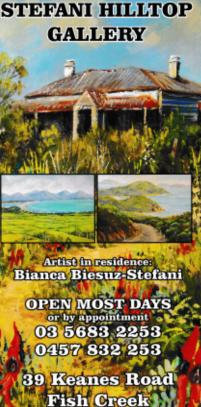
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And then – do those that have it appreciate it? Understand the huge disparity in the world? And when achieved – as I look fondly at the clearly escaped ice blue budgerigar shivering in the cold Gippsland rains that has found its way to the seeds I leave out for the birds in my garden – is it all it's cracked up to be?

And finally, to those that have the power to give freedom. How many instances of injustice do we see around us where those with the power to give, do not?

When I marvel at how wonderful John's paintings are, he says, "Thank you, but it is the ones who can create a picture without using a drop of paint are the ones I admire. It is these people that I want to engage in my project." He is, of course, referring to writers.

Part of the exhibition will be a call out to all writers, young, old, established or beginners. "I want to bring a broader understanding to the notion of freedom by enlisting the help of writers who will engage with my paintings at a public exhibition in February next year. Some of my works will be hanging in a special art installation at ArtSpace like a small theatre setting complete with a writer's desk, red chair and The Infinite Birdcage paintings featured for their inspiration and interpretation."



John wants writers to craft their own picture of freedom in no more than 2000 words using the Infinite Birdcage paintings as a catalyst. Their writing can be fiction or based on their lived experiences. After viewing the exhibition, the article, essay or poem can be written in the writer's own time and can be submitted any time during the exhibition. The winner will receive a \$400 framed original Infinite Birdcage drawing. There will be three finalists whose work will be published in the leading Gippsland lifestyle magazine and later published in a book about the Infinite Birdcage featuring all the paintings, drawings and a broader selection of narratives.



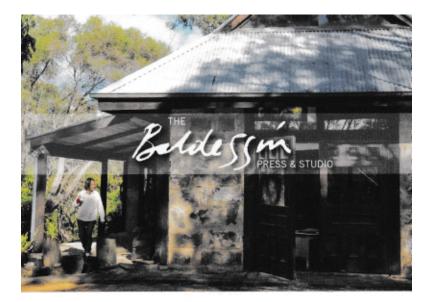
And just so all bases are covered John has also commissioned composer, Mark Finsterer to write music for each Infinite Birdcage paintings. Mark will play at the exhibition and his CD of his Birdcage music will be available.

If you are a writer interested in taking part, or interested in the concept, have a look at John's website: https://www.johnmutsaers.com/about-the-table or contact artspacewonthaggipresident@gmail.com



The official opening will be between 4 and 6pm on the 23rd of February at ArtSpace Gallery, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi, and the exhibition will run until the 30th of March 2020.





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Media Release John Mutsaers Infinite Birdcage Series Art, Words and Freedom – Writing Competition

What constitutes freedom? A life free from religious or political persecution? No mortgage? Cancer-free? Escaping a violent relationship? Inverloch-based artist John Mutsaers has explored freedom in his art series, Infinite Birdcage and is inviting writers to do the same.

The works of John Mutsaers are held in collections around the world, including the late Princess Margaret and astronaut Charles Duke. John, who has held 38 solo exhibitions worldwide is soon to hold his most evocative yet. And like much about John, it has a twist to it.

Ironically, in the midst of the organisation of the Archies Bald Portrait Prize cancer fundraiser in honour of the hairless head, of which John was Chair, he was himself diagnosed with prostate cancer. As John stood on the podium at the opening, teasing people into answering whether they would have liked to be there at the inaugural Archibald Prize in the same way that they were this evening - "Of course not - you'd be dead," he quipped - he was not thinking of his own mortality, but what he still needed to do.

What he needed to do, he says, was complete his Infinite Birdcage Series of paintings, which symbolise the human need for freedom.

As John's paintbrush carried out where his imagination was guiding him, he started filling canvases with symbolism, metaphors and themes – anything from cheeky sulphur crested cockatoos pecking at a starched linen tablecloth to Aboriginal totems to scorched earth.

While he is always complimented on his fine artwork, John says: "Thank you, but it is those who can create a picture without using a drop of paint whom I admire. It is these people I hope to engage in my project." He is, of course, referring to writers.

Part of the upcoming Infinite Birdcage exhibition is a callout to all writers, whether established or beginners.

"I want to bring a broader understanding to the notion of freedom by enlisting the help of writers to engage with my paintings. Some Infinite Birdcage works will be hanging in a special art installation at ArtSpace Gallery, Wonthaggi, for their inspiration and interpretation."

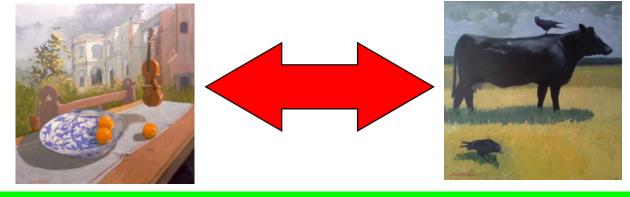
John hopes writers will craft their own picture of freedom in no more than 2,000 words using the Infinite Birdcage paintings as a catalyst. Writing can be fiction or based on lived experiences. First prize will be a \$400 framed original Infinite Birdcage drawing.

The work of three finalists will be published in a leading Gippsland lifestyle magazine and later published in a book featuring Infinite Birdcage paintings and selected narratives.

Writers who are interested in taking part, or interested in the concept, can see John's work at https://www.johnmutsaers.com/about-the-table, or contact

artspacewonthaggipresident@gmail.com for more information.

The official opening of the Infinite Birdcage Series will be held between 4 and 6pm on February 23, 2020 at ArtSpace Gallery, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi, and will run until March 30, 2020.



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BIRDS OF A FEATHER - BASKETRY OPENING SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020, 2PM TO 4PM STDCKYARD GALLERY

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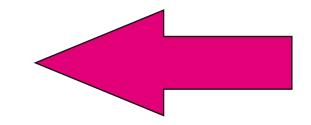


BASS COAST ARTISTS SOCIETY

Hi everyone

Workshops are continuing at the Goods Shed in Wonthaggi. Coming up in February we have "Introduction to the World of Mono Prints" with Mandy Gunn, and the delightfully named "Barmy Birdcages" with Regina Dudek. Places are available at both so get in fast!

Check out the upcoming courses in the flyer being sent via email with this newsletter. If you are interested in broadening your horizons, or upgrading your skills, check out what's on offer and call ArtSpace on 5671 5767 to make a booking.





The Infinite Birdcage Writing Competition

Writers are invited to submit a 2000 word or less, piece of prose, poetry or a play script based on the theme of freedom using the artworks as a stimulus.

Three finalists will be published in Gippsland the Lifestyle Magazine. The overall winner receives an original drawing from the exhibition.

> Further Information: www.johnmutsaers.com



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The Infinite Birdcage

Exhibition Official Opening

Sun 23rd of Feb - 4pm ArtSpace Gallery Worthaggi - Vic Exhibition closes 29th March Open 7 days a week IOam - 4pm Iohamutsaed.com



CALL FOR ENTRIES

A4 Art Australia 2020

Hello ...

We are calling for entries to A4 Art Australia, an initiative and exhibition opportunity from The Contemporary Art Society of Victoria.

What is A4 Art Australia?

A4 Art Australia is an exhibition of 2D and 3D A4sized artworks, hence the title. This exhibition will showcase A4-sized artworks by both *established* and *emerging* artists and offers all participating artists the opportunity gain exposure for their art at low entry cost. By having a format of A4-sized artworks, artists from all over Australia have an opportunity to conveniently submit works via *Australia Post*. All selected 2D artworks will be framed by us for the exhibition (see conditions) and entry is only \$13 per artwork. We will also accept appropriately-sized 3D (sculptural) works for this exhibition - see our <u>online FAQ</u> for more information about artwork size requirements.

Contemporary artists are invited to submit up to four (4) A4-sized artworks for the exhibition.

See our website for all details, conditions of entry & online entry form.

www.contemporaryartsociety.org.au

Deadline for receipt of entries: 21 February 2020.

More info:

A4 Art Australia is run by the Contemporary Art Society of Victoria Inc. The Society is a non-profit organisation, run on a voluntary basis by artists for the benefit of artists and those interested in the arts. It is based in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and was founded in 1938.

<u>A4 Art Australia</u> will be held in the **Gallery on** Herring Island (Richmond) as part of the Herring Island Summer Arts Festival 2020. Herring Island is a unique island in the middle of the Yarra River, between Richmond and South Yarra, only 3km from the Melbourne CBD. The festival website is <u>HERE</u>.

The exhibition (and gallery) will be open to the public **11.30am – 4.30pm** on the following dates: **14, 15, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 MARCH** and **4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13 April 2020**.

Entry cost: Entry is AU\$13 per work.

Plus a fixed \$10 postage charge for return of your unsold works (refundable if you sell all your work).

Additional size/weight-related postage charges apply for 3D works.

Note: Entry fees can be paid by PayPal / cheque / money order / credit card / EFT.

How to enter: ENTER ONLINE via our website.

Deadline: Completed entry form, with correct payment together with your 2 dimensional art works, by **28 February 2019**. (see conditions of entry)

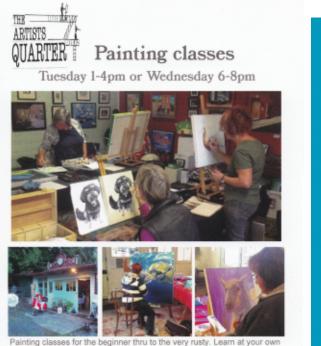
Any further questions?

See the CAS website

www.contemporaryartsociety.org.au for the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), or email us at mail@contemporaryartsociety.org.au

Kind regards

Cressida Fox, Secretary Contemporary Art Society of Victoria Inc. PO Box 283 Richmond Vic 3121 Phone: (03) 9428 0568, 0407 059 194 email: mail@contemporaryartsociety.org.au web: www.contemporaryartsociety.org.au



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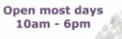


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More information email freshspacearts@gmail.com



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