

Adam Art Gallery to showcase nine dynamic New Zealand artists and their thoughts on the future

The Adam Art Gallery has invited nine New Zealand artists, designers and writers to produce new works that respond to our uncertain times.

Using the unique architectural structures of the Adam Art Gallery – situated at Victoria University’s Kelburn campus – and the online space of the gallery’s website, the artists have been asked to produce works that speculate about the future – in the context of the political realities of our contemporary world.

Exhibition curator Laura Preston says the exhibition will showcase innovative ideas from nine young artists, each responding in their own way to the current socio-political climate.

“The artists’ projects will act as a series of propositions for embracing this time of uncertainty, where structures and systems that we have come to know are being brought into focus and re-defined—from the mechanisms of the capitalist system and the imminent risks to the environment, to a modernist belief in progress,” she says.

She says the exhibition will consider the potential of both the gallery and the web to act as sites that reflect on the shape of power, and to consider alternatives to present institutions.

“The exhibition will also respond to the university as a site for research and critical thinking, and as a forum for the re-visioning of art histories,” says Preston.

Accompanied by a public programme of night talks, a workshop and sound event, the Adam Art Gallery will become an active site of discussion and a resource for the future.

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The Future is Unwritten

11 July – 30 August 2009

Onsite: Fiona Connor, William Hsu, Daniel Malone, Kate Newby, Martyn Reynolds, Peter Trevelyan

Online: Amit Charan, Narrow Gauge, Kelvin Soh
Curated by Laura Preston

Opening and website launch: Friday 10 July, 6pm

For a full programme please check the gallery’s website:
www.victoria.ac.nz/adamartgallery

WEBSITE PROJECT

www.adamartgallery.org.nz/thefuture

OPENING

eriKultimate presents the blackout compulsion lounge live via satellite
Friday 10 July 2009, 6-8pm

NIGHT TALKS

Academics from Victoria University of Wellington speak at the Adam Art Gallery

Thursdays 6pm

16.07.09 Ray Spiteri - Art history and the political

30.07.09 Paul James - Architecture and latency

13.08.09 Minette Hillyer - Media after modernity

27.08.09 Ralph Chapman and Andrew Wilks – The environment and energy use

WORKSHOP

06.08.09

Discussion on contemporary curatorial practice

SOUNDCHECK

04.09.09

Deep Listening Performance Series

Sam Hamilton and Eve Gordon - Parasitic Fantasy Band

Live experiential expanded cinema, sound and celluloid

Adam Art Gallery

8pm

Adam Art Gallery

Victoria University of Wellington

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New Zealand

Tuesday – Sunday, 11am - 5pm

FREE ENTRY

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The Adam Art Gallery receives sponsorship support from The Quality Hotel and Comfort Hotel Wellington, located side by side in the heart of the vibrant Cuba Quarter. Participating artists in *The Future is Unwritten* will be accommodated at the Comfort Hotel during the exhibition.

The hotels have also kindly put forward a special offer for all out of town visitors attending the show. If you are looking to explore Wellington in a short space of time; you can find no better location than staying in the heart of the cultural precinct. The two adjoining hotels are also within walking distance of the Adam Art Gallery.

Special offer: Adam Art Gallery visitors can stay at the beautiful historic building of the Comfort Hotel for the reduced rate of \$85.00 per night, or at the stylish Quality Hotel for the reduced rate of \$155 per night. The offer is for up to two people per room.

Offer lasts for the duration of the exhibition. For more information visit their website:

www.qualitywellington.com

