

MELBOURNE NOW

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22 November 2013 – 23 March 2014 | The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia and NGV International

Launching *Melbourne Now*

Public Programs

Fri 22, Sat 23 & Sun 24, 10am – 5pm
NGV International & NGV Australia

The Opening Weekend of *Melbourne Now* launches this incredible exhibition through a series of programs that showcase how the artists, designers and architects involved have used the city of Melbourne as a source of inspiration. Talks, performances, screenings and workshops celebrate and challenge the way in which audiences interact with art and the city and engage adults and children alike.

Ash Keating: Endurance painting performance

Friday 22 November, 6.30-11.30am

In an endurance painting performance, Ash Keating will reinvent the bluestone walls of the NGV. Using 25 paint-filled fire extinguishers Keating, wearing a grey hoodie, will spray and throw paint onto an enormous banner fixed to the northern wall of NGV International. The resulting epic mural will decorate the gallery's exterior, cheering morning commuters and delighting pedestrians for the length of *Melbourne Now*.

Talking it up: Opening Weekend Floor Talk series

The artists, designers, architects and curators involved in the exhibition will discuss art, design, fashion, sound, performance, urbanism and sustainability in Melbourne.

Fri 22 Nov, NGV International

- 11.30am Tim Fleming & Peter Ho, PHOOEY Architecture
- 12.30pm Rory Hyde
- 1.30pm Anastasia Klose

Fri 22 Nov, NGV Australia

- 2.30pm Danielle Whitfield
- 3.30pm Fleur Watson

Sat 23 Nov, NGV Australia

- 11.30am Hotham Street Ladies
- 12.30pm Brian Martin
- 1.30pm Emily Floyd
- 3.30pm Jess Johnson

Sat 23 Nov, NGV International

- 12pm Darren Sylvester
- 1pm Lyndell Brown and Charles Green
- 3pm Meredith Turnbull

Sun 24 Nov, NGV Australia

- 10.30am Mark Raggatt, ARM Architecture
- 11.30am Alexi Freeman
- 12.30pm Simone LeAmon & Edmund Carter
- 1.30pm Gareth Sansom

- 2.30pm Julia deVille
- 3.30pm Grant Petty, CEO Black Magic Design

Sun 24 Nov, NGV International

- 11am Stewart Russell
- 12pm Destiny Deacon
- 1pm Brook Andrew
- 2pm Patrick Pound
- 3pm Marco Fusinato

Free, Gallery spaces

Opening Address: All About Melbourne Now

Sat 23 Nov, 2–3pm

NGV International

Key curators will present a series of 15 minute talks about how they helped to imagine and build the complex and ground-breaking *Melbourne Now* exhibition.

Speakers Max Delany, Senior Curator, Contemporary Art; Katie Somerville, Senior Curator, Australian Fashion and Textiles; Ewan McEoin, guest curator, Design, and, Fleur Watson, guest curator, Architecture.

Free, Clemenger Auditorium BBDO, Ground Level

Urban Commons Kitchen Garden & Wayward Forest

NGV International

As a major element of the *Melbourne Now* program, The Kitchen Garden and Wayward Garden is a dynamic and productive landscape that will breathe new life into the garden spaces at NGV International over summer. Designed by award-winning practice Urban Commons, and merging cutting edge architecture, design, landscape and contemporary art, this project unlocks new ways to engage children with the wonders of nature and help them learn about sustainability, food production, health and nutrition.

Free, Grollo Equiset Garden

Community Hall

Daily (excl Tue) 22 Nov – 23 Mar, 10am – 5pm

NGV International

The visually striking, architecturally designed Community Hall is a space dedicated to Melbourne's diverse communities. Over one hundred days it will host numerous community groups and will feature diverse programming including performance, design collectives, choirs, reading groups, recycling initiatives, cake-making and writers groups. Throughout Opening Weekend, Community Hall will host the following programs:

- **Talking Now** will involve discussions and debates on art, culture, ideas and all things Melbourne.
 - **Designing Community Hall** Debbie Ryan of architecture and interior design firm McBride Charles Ryan will discuss the process of designing Community Hall alongside Rory Hyde, Architect. Fri 22 Nov, 1pm
 - **City as Motif** Artists Ash Keating, Ross Coulter and Louise Forthun, and Curator, Contemporary Art, Jane Devery discuss how they have been inspired by the city of Melbourne. Sat 23 Nov, 11:30am
 - **Artists working with the NGV collection** Artists Arlo Mountford, Susan Dimasi, Veronica Kent & Sean Peoples (Telepathy Project), and Assistant Curator Contemporary Art, Serena Bentley discuss how they have used the NGV collection as a catalyst for their works. Sun 24 Nov, 12.30pm

- **Show-Off**

From community choirs to cutting edge sound collectives, fashion designers, performance artists, dancers and poets, the NGV has scoured the streets to bring audiences the finest Melbourne has to offer.

Fri 22 Nov

- 2pm Ancient Memories
- 2:30pm Performance Poets
- 4pm Ancient Memories

Sat 23 Nov

- 1:30pm DJ Principal Blackman
- 2:30pm Darren Sylvester
- 3.30pm Dance Club launch: Bodyelectricdance Studios

Sun 24 Nov

- 3pm The Social Studio – TSS Chai

- **Show & Tell**

Fri 22 Nov

- **10am Chess: Critical Position** International chess master Leonid Sandler will be simultaneously versing all comers.

Sun 23 Nov

- **10am Show & Tell** launches *Collecting Melbourne* through a display and Q&A with Melbourne's most unique and diverse collectors.

Dance Performance: P.O.V.

Sun 24 Nov, 12-1pm & 4-5pm

NGV International

Curated by Antony Hamilton, P.O.V. will launch *Melbourne Now's* dance program in the NGV's Great Hall. The piece will place the audience squarely within the performance environment, inviting them to cross over from spectator to participant. Seated in a grid pattern on swivel stools, each person will have their own unique perspective on the performance. Proximity, reactions and interactions – whisperings, rushes of air, the growing intensity of movement, the risk of closeness. P.O.V. blurs boundaries and shifts perspective, creating space to observe and participate.

Free, Great Hall, Ground Level

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