

Media Release

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Janno - It's about a boy

Opening: Thursday 15 September 5.30 – 8pm

Exhibition: September 15 - October 2, 2005

Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 12 - 6, Sunday 1 - 5 or by appointment

Gallery: BRIGHTSPACE, St Kilda
8 Martin Street, St Kilda 03 9593 9366

Living with a son diagnosed with a form of autism and moving around the world is the inspiration behind an exciting new show by Melbourne-based artist Janno.

Metaphors depicting displacement including the South American llama and the endangered Asian elephant are among the images which make up much of Janno's third solo show: It's about a boy.

Since graduating from RMIT fine art in 1994, Janno has spent the past ten years living away from Australia – in New York and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Past solo exhibitions in New York and Melbourne have been met with critical acclaim.

Intrigued by the notion of what it means to be out of place on a personal, environmental and cultural level and of fitting in, Janno has captured her feelings in a bold array of colours and images.

"The simple images acknowledge the child in all of us as well as our dreams and imagination," says Janno.

"An acknowledgement of loss is countered with a feeling of hope, optimism and resilience experienced through living and communicating with my three boys while trying to find our place in different parts of the world."

It's about a boy opens at Brightspace, St Kilda
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Images available