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Brushes with Sanity

Works by Artists from the 101 Art Group – St Kilda Drop In Centre

Exhibition Opening: Thursday 9 October (6-8pm)

Exhibition: 9 – 12 October 2008

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Gallery Hours:
12 – 6 Wed – Sat & 1 – 5 Sun

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The St Kilda Drop In centre has been providing services to people in the St Kilda area for 30 years. The Centre works with a wide range of people, including those who are homeless or require support with issues relating to mental health. The aim of the Drop In is basically to help people participate in community and discover their interests and possibilities for the future.

Art is always a great way for people to express themselves and to create. Being creative is rewarding in itself but is also powerful in how it can reframe a person's self concept. We continually observe how artistic expression allows people to see themselves and be seen in a totally new way. A person who creates an artwork is no longer just a homeless person or that person with a mental illness- They are also an artist. If they sell a piece of art, then they are even more, they become a 'real' artist.

The 101 Art Group has been operating for over 20 years and has been the most popular activity at the Drop In Centre during this time. Many hundreds of people have participated the group during this time, with over 30 currently involved. With the very generous support from the City of Port Phillip Cultural Development Fund we are able to exhibit some of the artworks created by the group at BRIGHTSPACE Gallery from October 9 – 12. The opening is at 6pm on Thursday the 9th.