

Volunteer run Melbourne Charity 'Artists for Kids' Culture' marks 20 years of inspired funding to support kids in need.

Over 50 artists have donated their art work for this year's **20TH Artists for Kids' Culture Art Exhibition and Auction**. This event is a regular on the St Kilda calendar as art lovers and the local community come together and raise funds so disadvantaged kids across Melbourne can have access to art and cultural experiences that many of us take for granted.

WHY?

Individual children experiencing disadvantaged are increasing likely to miss out on opportunities to learn an instrument, do dance lessons, join the local soccer club, and go on school camp. AKC has a unique and accessible grant program that makes these individual opportunities and weekend and school holiday group activities available. Artists for Kids' Culture believes that to support the cultural development of a child we should ensure they are not excluded from the community or society, we should promote loudly that they belong and create every opportunity possible to ensure they can participate and contribute. Over 20 years more than 600 artists have donated over 5000 artworks, over \$1 million dollars has been raised and this support has made a difference in the lives of over 7000 children.

THE ART

The artwork of founders David Larwill and Jo Darvall have always been a constant and this year will not disappoint. An example of Larwill's early work (1992) has been donated for auction by his estate and Jo Darvall has contributed work from her Dwellingup series. Jo has found great success in her new hometown Perth and it is rare for many pieces to make it back over to the East so it is a great opportunity for admirers of her work. Other usual suspects to delight the buyers include:

David Bromley

Sally Smart

Graham Fransella

Heidi Yardley

Mick Turner

Kate Rodhe

Lisa Roet and

Lewis Miller

New comers **Rona Green**, and **Jason Waterhouse** add to the mix that provides the audience with a truly interesting exhibit of contemporary Australian artists.

THE EVENT

The exhibit is open daily from Wednesday 9th of October until Sunday 13th of October when the auction is held on site at Brightspace Gallery. In recent years the auction day event has taken on a festival feel with a surprise appearance from local Tex Perkins one year and the Brunswick Old Time String Orchestra (BOTSO) backing up again this year as pre-auction entertainment.

2013 ARTISTS FOR KIDS' CULTURE

Auction and Exhibition

Brightspace Galley, 8 Martin St, St Kilda

Exhibiting from Wednesday 9th – 12th October

Auction Day Sunday 13th October

Doors Open 1pm

Auction Commences 2.30pm

Auctioneer: Scott Livesey

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