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Artists for Kids Culture

BRIGHTSPACE - 8 Martin St, St Kilda

The Auction: Thursday 30th October (6:30pm)

Raising Funds to Inspire More Young Lives Everyday

The annual **Artists for Kids Culture Art Auction** returns in 2014 to celebrate its 21st year. AKC has a clear aim to raise funds to further enhance the lives of disadvantaged children, this year's events are set to be bigger and better than ever before.

21 years after being founded by artists David Larwill, Jo Darvall and Bernie Jones, there continues to be overwhelming support and generosity from the artists, sponsors, volunteers and the artistic community for the event. In 2014 over 60 artworks have been donated by many of Australia's leading artists including Lewis Miller, Peter Booth, Roger Kemp, David Bromley, Sally Smart, Jenny Watson, Lisa Roet and Ricky Howell.

Lewis Miller is an Archibald Winning painter. "I remember after a party at David's 21 years ago and he was working on a sketch; the iconic child, which became the AKC logo. I have proudly donated an artwork every year: it is such a worthwhile cause."

"David (Larwill) would be so proud that after twenty one years Artists for Kids Culture is still going full steam ahead. David set this up with Bernie Jones and Jo Darvall to enrich the souls of disadvantaged kids through art and culture. This charity was very dear to David, thank you all so much!" Fiona Larwill, Director AKC.

Exhibition viewing dates: Friday 24 – Thursday 30 (12-5pm)

Preview Afternoon Tea – 2pm, Sunday 26th October 2014

The 2014 AKC art exhibition will be launched with an exclusive 'Preview Afternoon Tea'. Guest speaker: **Bernie Gearie OAM**, Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People. Pre purchased tickets - \$35 includes food and drinks

Art Auction – Thursday 30th October 2014, Doors: 6.30pm,

Entry - \$20 includes food and drinks

MC: Brian Nankervis, **Auctioneer:** Scott Livesey

About Artists for Kids Culture: Realising that children living in financially and socially disadvantaged circumstances are often also disadvantaged creatively, Artists for Kids Culture was founded in 1994 by artists Davis Larwill, Jo Darvall and Bernie Jones. Working with not for profit organisations, schools and social welfare agencies funds are distributed nationally for cultural enhancing activities such as music lessons, drama and dance classes, school camps, sporting activities, community art initiatives and many more opportunities that would otherwise not be possible for these children.

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