

MEDIA RELEASE: DANCING UMBRELLAS

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Movement, light and colour combine in a playful and immersive group exhibition opening at Heide Museum of Modern Art on 5 March 2016.



Minna Gilligan
from the series *Wonder Woman* 2013
paper collage

Dancing Umbrellas is an exhibition of moving image, performance, painting and object-based works created by emerging and established contemporary Australian artists.

The fanciful leitmotif of 'dancing umbrellas', inspired by a two-channel video installation by young Melbourne artist Belle Bassin, introduces the exhibition's performative and theatrical theme, and the playful surreality of many works. Movement, light and elements of performance are variously utilised by the artists to explore ideas about perception and time, and to evoke a sense of otherworldliness or dreams.

In creating their imaginative worlds, these artists reference cultural artefacts and ideas as various as a surrealist play by Picasso, 1960s and 1970s counter-culture and fashion, shamanic spiritualism, internet selfie culture and the romantic sublime as depicted in Japanese anime. Luminous moving images sit alongside paintings, sculptures and collages to create a layered and multi-dimensional experience for the viewer.

Public performances will accompany the exhibition and a dedicated online portal will extend the project into a virtual realm through images and written material, artist interviews, links to relevant content and integration with social media.

Exhibiting artists:

A CONSTRUCTED WORLD
BELLE BASSIN
REBECCA BAUMANN
DAMIANO BERTOLI
PETER CRIPPS
LESLIE EASTMAN
DALE FRANK
BRIONY GALLIGAN
MINNA GILLIGAN

ALEXANDER KNOX
JAMES LYNCH
TAREE MACKENZIE
GABRIELLA & SILVANA MANGANO
VIV MILLER
GILES RYDER
MICHELLE USSHER
JUSTENE WILLIAMS

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Belle Bassin

It's easier to see your skin 2013
still taken from dual channel video
Courtesy of the artist

Curator: Sue Cramer
Heide III: Central Galleries

Artists and Sue Cramer are available for interview. High res images are available upon request.

EXHIBITION

Dancing Umbrellas: An Exhibition of Movement and Light
Saturday 5 March – Sunday 5 June 2016

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Museum Opening Hours
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