

Media Advisory
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Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki spotlights five contemporary New Zealand artists in new exhibition



Image Credit: Fiona Connor, *Mount Gabriel, Ruby and Ash* 2012, installation view, Wallace Road, Mangere, Auckland. Photograph courtesy Hopkinson Mossman

Inside Outside Upside Down exhibits installation works at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki by five contemporary New Zealand artists:

- Simon Denny, New Zealand's current representative at the *56th International Art Exhibition* at the Venice Biennial
- Kate Newby, winner of The Walters Prize 2012 - New Zealand's most prestigious contemporary art award
- Fiona Connor, The Walters Prize 2010 finalist
- Ronnie van Hout, The Walters Prize 2004 finalist
- Ruth Buchanan, Govett Brewster Art Gallery's 2015 New Zealand artist in residence

The artworks all show evidence of exploring the boundaries of interior space – whether that is a room, a mind or a nation – for creative effects. They do so by performing a range of simple inversions which bring the outside in, or take the inside out.

Part of Fiona Connor's *Mount Gabriel, Ruby and Ash* installation will be exhibited outside the Gallery on the edge of Albert Park.

Each work being exhibited has been acquired over the last decade, either into the Gallery's own collection or the Chartwell collection on loan to the Gallery. *Inside*

Outside Upside Down exhibits these works for the first time since their acquisition and in a fresh, explorative context. The works include:

- Simon Denny, *Freeview Passport: Channel Document NZ presentation 2012*, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, purchased 2012
- Kate Newby – a selection of works including: *I'm so ready* 2009, wool carpet, dye and red wine, Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, purchased 2009
- Ronnie van Hout, *No Exit II* 2003, fibreglass, polymer clay, paint, found objects (clothing and shoes), mirror, taxidermy birds, trestle table, portable DVD players and videos (single channel, standard definition, 4:3, colour, stereo sound), Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, purchased 2006
- Fiona Connor – a selection of works from *Mount Gabriel, Ruby and Ash*, including: *Documentation of Object No. 5, Mount Gabriel, Ruby and Ash (to beach sign)* 2012, Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, purchased 2012
- Ruth Buchanan – a selection of works including: *An Image of a Solid* 2012, hand-dyed rope, suspension connections, crepe fabric, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, purchased 2013

Exhibition details:

When: Saturday 18 July to Sunday 1 November 2015
10am to 5pm daily

Where: Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki
Corner Wellesley and Kitchener Streets

Admission: Free

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