

MEDIA ALERT

BENDIGO
ART GALLERY

Bendigo Art Gallery has been invited to produce the prestigious **2018 Melbourne Art Foundation** Commission, the result of which is a large-scale sculpture by renowned New Zealand-born, Melbourne-based artist **Ronnie van Hout**.

Bendigo Art Gallery Director **Karen Quinlan** will unveil the work with Ronnie van Hout at approximately **1.00pm, Wednesday 1st August, at the Media Preview for the Melbourne Art Fair** (details follow below).

Bendigo-based media are invited to attend this event, so please let me know if you are interested and I will arrange your accreditation with the Melbourne Art Fair. If you can't, and we realise this may be difficult, we will have access to images by mid-afternoon. Note also that metro TV news networks have been invited to attend this Media Preview.

Since 2006, the MAF Commissions program has partnered with a national arts institution to offer significant opportunity for a living Australian artist to realise a new, large-scale work for unveiling at the Melbourne Art Fair. Previous partners include the National Gallery of Victoria, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney, the National Gallery of Australia and the Art Gallery of South Australia.

Ronnie van Hout, who currently has a survey exhibition at Buxton Contemporary in Melbourne's Southbank, works with sculpture, installation, photography and video to create works that tread the line between humour and the macabre. In his work, van Hout's own image is often depicted, fragmented, warped, or as a prop within absurdist narratives, yet never loses its comedic inflection.

Following the 2018 Melbourne Art Fair, this new work will become part of Bendigo Art Gallery's collection.

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OFFICIAL PRESS PREVIEW

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Melbourne Art Fair

First view of the Fair and unveiling of the Melbourne Art Foundation Commission by Ronnie van Hout

Wednesday, 1 August 2018, 12.00pm (for 12.30pm start)

Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) 111 Sturt Street, Southbank VIC 3066

Melbourne Art Fair returns for a five day celebration of contemporary art and culture in its new home in the Southbank Arts Precinct alongside the iconic Australian Centre for Contemporary Art

WHERE:

ACCA, 111 Sturt St, Southbank VIC 3006 followed by tour of Melbourne Art Fair

WHEN:

Wednesday 1 August at 12.00pm for press accreditation, 12.30pm official press conference. Followed by press tour until 2.00pm.

PHOTO / FILMING / INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

Official media opening with first photo and video opportunity and preview of Melbourne Art Fair and the unveiling of 2018 Melbourne Art Foundation and Bendigo Art Gallery Co-Commission by Ronnie van Hout.

MEDIA RSVP, INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES AND IMAGES:

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Melbourne Art Fair's 15th edition will showcase 40 leading galleries, presenting a curated selection of some of the newest and most respected names in contemporary art from Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia. The Fair returns with a focus on solo shows and considered group presentations of both new and established artists.

Melbourne Art Fair is the main event of Melbourne Art Week and is set to attract 20,000 visitors, kicking off with the opening night Vernissage, Wednesday 1 August, and later opening to the public Thursday 2 August to Sunday 5 August 2018.

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