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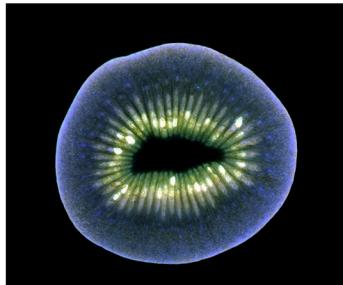


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## *Sensations of Art-Making: Triumphs, Torments and Risk-taking*

A collection of works by professional artist-teachers, who are graduates of Melbourne University's Master of Teaching (Secondary Art) program.

Curated by Purnima Ruanglertbutr



*Sensations of Art-making* displays more than 75 works of art by 34 professional secondary school artist-teachers, who are exploring the human characteristics associated with the creative art-making process, across diverse mediums. The artist-teachers perceive the making and teaching of art as equal and essential to quality teaching and personal well-being. Through their works of art and commentaries, the artists creatively and critically examine how their own creative and exhibition output increase their ability to mentor, lead, stimulate and understand their students. They expose the shared sensations that drive their own art production and that of their students', including enthused moments of inspiration, battles, frustrations, joys, exploration, risk-taking, experimentation, play and construction of meaning. Through their works of art, the artists exemplify how art-making and artists' freedom of practice contrast to educational priorities of curriculum, content-delivery and assessment - qualities typical of a teacher's regulated profession. The result is an eclectic amalgam of a collection of works that emphasise process as well as the end-product.

*Sensations of Art-making* forms part of the Teacher as Art-maker Project (TAP) - a significant research initiative and international first for Visual Art Education, providing for the first time, longitudinal data on teachers' participation in art production, perceptions of quality of teaching, and expectations of retention in the profession. The exhibition and research is supported by the *Melbourne Graduate School of Education*, which provides on-going support for its graduates.

*Sensations of Art-making* follows from the first exhibition of the TAP, *Crossing Boundaries: The Journey from Teacher to Teaching Artist* held at the George Paton Gallery in 2012, in which the artists explored the transition from artist to teacher, and examined how teaching enhances and inspires art-making and art-making improves teaching. This exhibition is a testament to the dual profession of artist-teachers, as they continue to exercise personal creativity and skills within the school, curriculum and for personal and professional development.

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IMAGES: Claire Virgona, *Edible perspective I*, 2013 | Louise Kyriakou, *Test pattern*, 2013 | Lis Johnson, *Baggage I*, 2013 | Olivia Karapathiou, *Lissom*, 2013

W: [http://education.unimelb.edu.au/news\\_and\\_activities/projects/teacher\\_artmaker\\_project](http://education.unimelb.edu.au/news_and_activities/projects/teacher_artmaker_project)  
F: [www.facebook.com/TeacherArtmakerProject](http://www.facebook.com/TeacherArtmakerProject)

**VICTORIAN ARTISTS SOCIETY**

**Frater and McCubbin Galleries**

**430 Albert Street, East Melbourne**

**Gallery hours: 10am – 4pm Mon to Fri | 1pm – 4pm Weekends**

**Exhibition dates: 4 October – 15 October, 2013**

**Exhibition opening night: Friday 4 October 5pm – 8pm.**

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## Artists

Meg Andrew  
Mitchel Brannan  
Tameka R. Carter  
Ryan Cockburn  
Ysabelle Dauguet  
Craig Frankland  
Skye Gallagher  
Sarah Healy  
Linda Hogan  
Wesley Imms  
Lis Johnson  
Olivia Karapathiou  
Patsy Killeen  
Louise Kyriakou  
Andrew Lawson  
Cassie Linley  
Join Silica Liong  
Aylin Llewellyn  
Victoria McCaffrey  
Milla  
Liz Millsom  
Claire Mooney  
Seijiro Nishioka  
Andria Norvelis  
Alysia Rees  
Purnima Ruanglertbutr  
Clare Sanders  
Leyla Tas  
Ramona Tilley  
Claire Virgona  
Elizabeth Waghorn  
Lauren Welsh  
Kim Winton  
Catherine Kayee Wong

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