What's going on in Sydney







SYDNEY CONTEMPORARY

Carriageworks, 245 Wilson Street Invite-Only Preview: Thursday, 19 September, 6-9 p.m. Friday, 20 September, 12-7 p.m. Saturday, 21 September, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 22 September, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

FESTIVALS

SYDNEY FRINGE

Through Sunday, 29 September Popping up in Newtown, Glebe, Chippendale, Leichardt, Marrickville, and Surry Hills, Fringe is NSW'S largest alternative arts event, a multidisciplinary celebration, with more than 300 shows across 70 different venues.

BEAMS ART FESTIVAL

Balfour and surrounding streets, Saturday, 21 September, 5–10 p.m. Chippendale Creative welcomes

Clockwise from top right: Yang Jinsong's "Home II." 2012: Jin Feng's "History of China's Modernisation, Volumes 1 and 2," 2011; Rache Fairfax's "Early Morning Istanbul 1 (yellow sky)," 2013; Brendan McGuiness's work at BEAMS; Camille Serisier's "Ovid's Medusa #14." 2013; "Snailovation" by the Cracking Art Group; art and light installations at BEAMS



more than 350 creatives to conjure questions of anarchy, anomie, consciousness, and community — "revitalisation" and "new world cities" are the central themes — with light, video, performance, dance, animation, site-specific sculpture, and music. Local chefs, eateries, food trucks, boutique beer, and wine providers also join in.

ART & ABOUT

Friday, 20 September -Sunday, 20 October "Private Lives . . . Public Places" The monthlong collaborative arts festival where every street, laneway, building site, intersection, and thoroughfare becomes a canvas for creation and storytelling. Highlights of this year's festival include 24 gigantic neon snails ("Snailovation"), 81 mirrored posts in Hyde Park South ("FIELD"), an interactive model railway town at Central Station ("I Think I Can"), and photographs on display in Hyde Park North ("Sydney Life").

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

WHITE RABBIT

30 Balfour Street, Chippendale "Serve the People"

Through 2 February, 2014 "Serve the People" is curated by Edmund Capon, the former Director and Chief Curator of the Art Gallery of New South Wales who has been involved with

Chinese art both classical and contemporary for more than 40 years. Capon first visited China in 1974, at the height of the Cultural Revolution. The exhibition includes works by photographer Yan Siwen, multimedia artist Jin Feng, and the MadeIn Company collective, helmed by multimedia artist Xu Zhen.

MCLEMOI GALLERY

45 Chippen Street, Chippendale "DEPOSITS"

Through Friday, 18 October This group show presents works by German Surrealist Hans Bellmer, Argentine-born painter Diego Singh, and up-and-coming Australian ceramic sculptor Alexandra Standen. Turkish painter Nuri Kuzucan's work will also be shown in conjunction with Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong. At Sydney Contemporary the gallery presents architect-cumsculptor Daniel Arsham, Booth PC101, Bay 17.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART AUSTRALIA (MCA)

140 George Street, The Rocks "Primavera 2013: Young Australian Artists"

Through 17 November This annual exhibition's 22nd edition presents the work of eight young Australian makers, thinkers, and performers from Perth, Melbourne, and Sydney. Pieces on view include painting, sculpture, photography, installation, ceramics, digital media, and performance.

"Volume One: MCA Collection"

Through 1 January, 2015 Discover work by more than 130 Australian artists, reflecting the strength and breadth of Australian contemporary art from the past 20 years. For the first time in its history, the museum has dedicated an entire floor to present works from the MCA Collection permanently. You'll see work by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, including wall paintings, film installations, and more from these diverse cultural voices.

FRIENDS OF LEON GALLERY

82 Marlborough Street, Surry Hills "Gary Fernández: Southern Wilderness" Opening Friday, 20 September,





Spanish artist Gary Fernández shows a collection of his whimsical illustrations.

ART GALLERY OF NSW

Art Gallery Road, The Domain "Sydney Moderns"

Through Monday, 7 October Focussing on works created in the decades between the two world wars by artists largely based in Sydney, this exhibition explores early Australian modernism, including over 180 works by

artists such as Margaret Preston, Roy de Maistre, Grace Cossington Smith, Harold Cazneaux, and Ralph Balson.

2/39 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale

"Camille Serisier: Ovid's Medusa" Through Sunday, 29 September Camille Serisier reinterprets the Medusa story from Ovid's "Metamorphoses" through the lens of ecofeminism, including

TALKS

SYDNEY CONTEMPORARY'S "Talk Contemporary" series is free of charge for all ticket-holders, but RSVPs are required at sydneycontemporary.com.au/afrtalk.

All talks are held in Bay 20.

Anti-aesthetic vs. Beauty

Friday, 20 September, 1–2 p.m.

Inspired by discussions of "The Anti-Aesthetic" outlined in the 1983 essay collection of the same name edited by Hal Foster, this panel explores the tension between beauty and meaning in contemporary art, endeavoring to answer the questions: "How do we define what is beautiful, and is there a place for beauty in critical practice? Does the anti-aesthetic somehow elevate the credibility of the work, or is it just ugly?"

Roundtable with Gonzalo Pedraza

Friday, 20 September, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gonzalo Pedraza, director of Santiago's multidisciplinary art space M100, sits down for a roundtable discussion on Chilean contemporary art.

Australia vs. The Rest of the World: The Collecting Question

Friday, 20 September, 5–6 p.m.

Is the Australian art collector too narrow in scope, or perhaps too broad? In the face of ever-increasing globalisation, is it better to support the cultural output of one's own country? Should Australians buy locally?

Sydney: Art Capital of Australia?

Saturday, 21 September, 1:30-2:30 p.m. In the battle for the title of "Cultural Capital," who comes out

on top? Join a lively conversation that discusses the global phenomenon of cultural tourism and the increasing role of social networking in facilitating cultural encounters.

The Creative Brunch

Sunday, 22 September, 11:30am Director and CEO of Art Fairs Australia Barry Keldoulis moderates a discussion between Golden Globewinning actress Rachel Griffiths, chef Kylie Kwong, architect Nick Tobias, and artist / curator Thomas Charvériat, about the creative process in each of their respective fields.

Art into Fashion: Fashion into Art

Sunday, 22 September, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Alison Kubler, co-author of "Art/Fashion in the 21st Century," moderates a discussion between her co-author Mitchell Oakley Smith, artist Nell, and fashion designer Akira Isogawa. These creatives will discuss how artists and designers collaborate to blend art with fashion.

within her illustrations references to art history, Christianity, and contemporary political events.

NG ART GALLERY

3 Little Queen Street, Chippendale "Johnny Romeo: Deadwood"

Through Saturday, 21 September Johnny Romeo evokes Andy

soft colours to depict its sites, from the ruins of its ancient cities to modern day mosques in the capital city of Istanbul.

UTOPIA ART SYDNEY

2 Danks Street, Waterloo "Helen Eager: High Noon (After the Wall)"

Through Saturday, 28 September

Helen Eager's wall painting "Tango" was unveiled at the MCA in March 2012. Its chains of vibrant orange triangles on a white background reflected the iconic landmarks of Sydney's Harbour Bridge and Opera House. Her latest exhibition continues this monochromatic geometric exploration.



Left to right: Newtown, Old Town by Jgor Cavallina (Sydney Life finalist); art and light installations at BEAMS

Warhol's iconic silk screen images with stencil-like portraits of bygone Hollywood stars, including Michael Jackson, Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, and Jim Morrison.

MUSEUM OF SYDNEY

Corner of Bridge Street and Philip Street, Sydney

"Gadical Place"

Through 31 December, 2015 Centered on the traditional lives of the Gadigal and other Aboriginal clans of the Sydney Basin, this exhibition reveals how Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people interacted in the colony's early days, presenting bush foods and traditional tools and weapons made by modern day Aboriginal people using traditional materials and techniques.

RAY HUGHES GALLERY

270 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills "Yang Jinsong: Recent Paintings"

Through Wednesday, 2 October Leading contemporary Chinese artist Yang Jinsong offers a unique glimpse into his daily life through his paintings. In the artist's words, he aims to "show the violence of human beings in regard to their environment, the demolition sites, the mindless and unlimited urbanization, the excessive use of resources."

STELLA DOWNER FINE ART

2 Danks Street, Waterloo "Rachel Fairfax: Gallipoli and Beyond"

Through Saturday, 21 September This new collection of works on paper by Rachel Fairfax presents Turkey's landscape serenely, using

WALKS

EACH DAY, INDUSTRY insiders lead insightful hour-long walkand-talk tours of Sydney Contemporary. Space is limited; RSVPs essential at sydneycontemporary.com.au/walk.

Contemporary Walking

Leaders in the art industry take participants through the fair, pointing out must-see works.

Friday, 20 September, 12-1 p.m.

Led by Alexie Glass-Kantor, curator and director of Melbourne's Gertrude Contemporary art complex.

Saturday, 21 September, 12–1 p.m.

Led by the directors of Firstdraft, an artist-run initiative in

Sunday, 22 September, 12–1 p.m. Led by Jane Gillespie of Arts NSW.

Curators provide a peek behind the scenes of Sydney

Contemporary's special sections.

Friday, 20 September, 2–3 p.m.

Samuel Zammit, curator of Artspace Visual Arts Centre,

presents Video Contemporary.

Saturday, 21 September, 4-5 p.m.

Curators from Gallery 4A present Installation Contemporary.

Hot Tips from the Best

On this tour, industry experts offer insights on collecting contemporary art.

Friday, 20 September, 4–5 p.m.

Led by Anna Waldmann, Director of Visual Arts for the Australia Council.

Saturday, 21 September, 2–3 p.m.

Led by Emilya Colliver, founder of Art Pharmacy.

Sunday, 22 September, 2–3 p.m.

Led by Tara Morelos, director of d/Lux/MediaArts.

Thank God It's Friday

Friday, 20 September, 6–7 p.m.

Art consultant Alison Renwick highlights the fair's rising

Emerging Trends

Sunday, 22 September, 4-5 p.m.

ALASKA Projects' Sebastian Goldspink discusses young artists and artist-run spaces.