

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**GALLERY 4A: ASIA-AUSTRALIA ARTS CENTRE**  
*liminal personae*  
OCT 20 – NOV 18  
OPENING NIGHT: FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 6-8

Susan Norrie, Laurens Tan, Anita Larkin, John Massingham, Luis Trujillo, Jade Pegler, Joanne Handley, Iain Whittaker, Megan Sproats, Aaron Hull, May Barrie

Loosely translating as 'threshold people', *liminal personae* is an exhibition of and about artists who challenge the stereotypes about artists living outside the metropolitan centres and who walk the fine threshold of acceptance. Most of the artists featured reside, or have had regular interaction with Wollongong and the Illawarra and this exhibition aims to gather them all together, without them having to squeeze themselves into a theme or exhibition brief.

This exhibition celebrates the idiosyncrasies of these artists – their particular practices, ideas, concepts, materials, living arrangements, physical or mental circumstances, histories, or lack thereof. The artists involved span a range of disciplines and experience: the curators have rejected the usual practice of showing work by only emerging artists, or only those who have been artists for 20 years or more.

Using Susan Norrie's 1989 *Peripherique* exhibition at the Wollongong City Gallery and the ideas it raised as a starting point, the curators have developed a show fostering contemporary culture without slavish comparison to the metropolitan capitals.

Co-curators Moira Kirkwood and Lauren Brown said this week "This show is not a show 'about Wollongong', rather it is about not having an 'about', but bringing together a group of artists whose work and ideas are worthy of taking notice of, wherever they live."

Originally exhibited at Project Contemporary Artspace in Wollongong, this exhibition travels to 4A as part of the gallery's exhibition program, seeking to expand

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