

# GALLERY4A

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### The Hon. Virginia Judge MP, Minister for the Arts and Robert Kok, Councillor of the City of Sydney to be in attendance at the Gallery 4A Members Exhibition opening

Gallery 4A is pleased to announce the launch of its Annual Member's Exhibition to be opened at 630PM on Thursday 17 December, by Councillor Robert Kok with special guest speaker The Hon. Virginia Judge MP, Minister for the Arts .

The Annual Member's exhibition is the annual end of year celebration of Gallery 4A and is a showcase of the work of members of 4A (The Asian Australian Artists Association). Established in 1997 as non-profit organization, Gallery 4A is an important Chinatown cultural institution, internationally renowned for its innovative exhibition program that seeks to reflect Australia's cultural diversity as well as its geographic place within the Asia-Pacific Region.

"Gallery 4A has a very important place within the Australian art world,' says Aaron Seeto, Director of Gallery 4A, 'it has helped to forge an important dialogue and discussion within the Asia-Pacific region amongst artists, curators, writers and the general public. We are a small local organization, with national and international relevance. For a small non-profit organisation to achieve this is remarkable. Our members exhibition is a way to thank our membership for their important contributions and for their support over the last year."

The 2009 exhibition program at Gallery 4A has highlighted the work of both emerging and established Asian-Australian artists and has presented contemporary art in very innovative ways. In February, the Gallery presented its inaugural *Cinema Alley* project – a one-night street cinema in Haymarket, for contemporary Chinese video art. 2009 has also seen the presentation of important new works by key artists, including the Indonesian-Australian artist Dadang Christanto and a major curated exhibition of Asian and Indigenous cultural relations.

"One of the very important and recognised strengths of 4A is our ability to reflect our cultural diversity, as well as our proximity to the Asia-Pacific region. We have been able to do this through an emphasis on living cultures, through contemporary art and a recognition of the different types of communities which we belong to and which surround us everyday," says Seeto. "In the coming years, 4A will continue to provide the supportive environment where artists as well as the community and general public can come together to create new work or participate in a dynamic program that challenges persisting preconceptions of culture and cultural identity."

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### 4A Annual Members' Exhibition

Opening 17 December, 6-8pm

Exhibition Dates: 18 – 24 December 2009

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