

MEDIA RELEASE

SHOWCASE

"Showcase" is an exhibition of four young Sydney artists who graduated from art school not more than five years ago. These artists were all born elsewhere, namely Thailand, China, Philippines and Japan. Their inclusion of elements from their respective cultural backgrounds offers a distinctly fresh perspective towards materials and everyday life.

Pornprasert Khanthawichai's life-size white clay sculptures are reminiscent of the delicate spires of temples. Laura Lee's brightly coloured intricate knots are a Chinese textile craft taught to her by her grandmother. Dominic Garcia's braille translations of philosophical texts are an exploration of the losses in meaning evident in all translations. Natsuho Takita's large paintings ruminate on the history of painting in the West.

Gallery 4A is located in Sydney's Chinatown district, committed to the development of cultural exchange between Australia and Asia. An initiative of the Asian Australian Artists Association, Gallery 4A is a non-profit professional arts organisation which aims to promote cultural dialogue through the arts.

"Showcase" is sponsored by Dr Dick Guan, a well respected Sydney art collector.

If you would like images or further information (including interviews) please contact Melissa Chiu, Curator, Tel. 92112245.

Artist: Dominic Garcia, Pornprasert Khanthawichai,
Laura Lee, Natsuho Takita

Title of exhibition: "Showcase"

Preview: Thursday 14th May, 6-8 pm

Dates: 14 May - 6 June 1998

Venue: Gallery 4A, Room 3, Level 3, 405-411 Sussex St, Sydney