

MEDIA RELEASE

Art meets Fashion

Art meets fashion in an exciting exhibition at Gallery 4A. *Accessory* is an exhibition exploring creative links between fashion and art through a series of collaborations with fashion designers and artists.

Each fashion designer has been matched up with a contemporary artist to create an artwork that reveals innovation within both disciplines. For example Collette Dinnigan's lace creations are featured alongside 1994 Moet & Chandon Prize winner, Bronwyn Oliver's delicate whimsical wire sculptures.

Another collaboration features objects by Dinosaur Designs and a painting by Peter Atkins (representative for Australia in the Indian Triennale in 1994), both inspired a swatch of bold, geometric Marimekko fabric from the '60's. Natasha Ivachoff of PIGSINSPACE is working with funky young artist, Miles Whippy to create a fashion narrative in photographs.

Accessory continues Gallery 4A's commitment to fashion and art. Gallery 4A recently held a banquet and fashion parade featuring designs by Akira, Nelson Leong, ninetysix, Sylvia Chan and Wayne Cooper. Exhibitions at Gallery 4A have been featured in *Vogue*, *Harpers Bazaar*, *Business Review Weekly* and regularly in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Accessory is an event of the Mercedes Australian Fashion Week festival.

For interviews contact Gallery 4A. Images (transparencies and slides) are also available on request.

Title of exhibition:	<i>Accessory</i>
Preview:	Wednesday 5 May, 6-8 pm
Dates:	5-15 May 1999
Venue:	Gallery 4A Level 3, 53-55 Liverpool Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000 tel/fax 02 9283 1750
Gallery hours:	Wednesday - Saturday, 12-6 pm, or by appointment
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