

MEDIA RELEASE

Members Exhibition at Gallery 4A

Gallery 4A is pleased to announce our Members Annual Open Exhibition, the final exhibition for the year.

Over seventy members and friends of the Asian Australian Artists Association inc. have contributed work to the show at Gallery 4A, to celebrate a successful 1999. The exhibition will be opened on Sunday 5 December at 6pm, by Chinese Community leader King Fong.

Gallery 4A has enjoyed a very successful year, which will culminate with an exhibition in Tokyo at the Australian Embassy. The exhibition, ***Bright and Shining*** includes paintings by established artists Lindy Lee and Tim Johnson, and emerging artists Victoria Lobregat and Natsuho Takita. ***Bright and Shining*** is part of a new program designed to introduce contemporary art within the Australian Embassy.

Gallery 4A closes over Christmas, from 18 December 1999 and will reopen on 16 February 2000 with *Persuasion*, an exhibition featuring Thai artist Michael Shaowanasai and Vietnamese-Australian artist Toby Huynh. *Persuasion* is an official event of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival, and confronts issues surrounding the Thai sex industry, and the rituals of Chinese marriage.

Exhibition: Open Members Exhibition
Preview: Sunday, 5 December 1999, 6-8 pm
Dates: 5 - 18 December 1999
Venue: Gallery 4A, Level 3, 53-55 Liverpool St, Sydney, NSW, 2000
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Gallery hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 12-6pm, or by appointment
Contact: Melissa Chiu, Curator, Tiffany Lee-Shoy, Asst Curator

** Gallery 4A is closed from 18 December 1999 - 16 February 2000.