

### Media Release for 2003 Member's Exhibition

The Asia-Australia Arts Centre is celebrating the end of what has been a big year. Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> December is the opening of our Annual Members Exhibition, a party to thank everyone who has been involved with the centre this year.

In 2003 the Asia-Australia Arts Centre in Hay Street exhibited a range of fresh and diverse works by local, international and emerging artists, with new shows opened every four weeks. The recent exhibition *JIA (Family, House, Home)* was a great success, and is set to tour internationally next year. For 2004 newly appointed director Binghui Huangfu has organised a spectacular line up of exhibitions, including new work by some of the best Australian and international artists currently practicing.

The Asia-Australia Arts Centre is blossoming into high calibre gallery at the forefront of contemporary Asian-Australian art scene. Without the continued support of everyone involved including members, patrons, and sponsors, the Centre would not be so successful. If this year is any indication, 2004 should see the Centre much closer to realising its vision to inspire dialogues across cultural boundaries in this multicultural city.

To put the icing on the 2003 cake, the Asia-Australia Arts Centre invites everyone to come and toast with us at the opening of the Annual Member's Exhibition, what will no doubt be a hot and colourful night. Over one hundred works by one hundred Asian-Australian Arts Association members will be exhibited. The opening night will include toasts by guest speakers as well as raffles with prizes sponsored by Sydney businesses. Everyone is welcome and all profits will go back into bringing more contemporary Asian art to Sydney as well as supporting local and emerging artists, and community and education programs.