



**Surry Hills Neighbourhood
Centre**



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More than 100 artists contribute to the Surry Hills Festival art competition

Emerging artists across the city are waiting with anticipation for the judges' decisions in this year's Surry Hills Festival art competition.



Entries have been flooding in to Arts on Bourke, Surry Hills, where more than 100 artists are lodging their contribution to an innovative open art competition offered in conjunction with the Surry Hills Festival. The art works will form an exhibition that can be viewed by the public on Friday and Saturday nights during October and early November, at Arts on Bourke art space, 464 Bourke St, Surry Hills.

Opening night of the exhibition, this Friday 12 October, will provide a brilliant opportunity to mingle with artists, and hear the announcement regarding the major art prize winners. Arts on Bourke will present the successful artists with a share of \$5000 prize money. Surry Hills Festival goers will be able to have a sneak preview of the exhibition, with the three winning entries featured in the Art Alfresco section of Prince Alfred Park, on festival day Saturday 13th

October, 2007.

Festival goers can expect a rich diversity at the Surry Hills Festival with Prince Alfred Park set to showcase an amazing array of talent. A visit to 'Dramatic INtent' will bring you up close and personal with leading professionals in the performing arts. Each hour you'll experience exciting and informative presentations programmed by the Actors Centre Australia, and gain an insider's perspective through question and answers. Relax on the grass as panels and individuals representing theatre companies and agencies throughout Surry Hills present sessions as diverse as 'Theatre of Relevance – Australian style, Australian content' through to 'A State of Play – training for the modern actor.'

As well as celebrating the arts, Surry Hills festival will present an eclectic line up of local musicians across seven entertainment stages. Performance areas will come alive between 10am – 6pm with indie rock, DJs, dance, acoustic and world music, including popular Big Day Out MC's, The Lilypad's Duckpond, Larry, Heavy G and Christo with surprise guests. Hundreds of market stalls, the Surry Hills Dog Show Off and amusement rides will ensure fun for all ages. Kids will enjoy a special appearance by Play School's Justine Clarke, an amazing magic show and performances from local schools.

This free festival is produced by the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre as a major fundraiser for the Centre's community services. You're invited to make a gold coin donation on festival day towards this great cause.



For information regarding "Arts on Bourke" open Art Competition visit www.ssgac.com.au

What:	Surry Hills Festival
When:	Saturday, 13 October, 2007
Where:	Prince Alfred Park, Corner Cleveland and Chalmers Streets, Surry Hills
What time:	10am – 6pm
Further info:	Visit our website for more information www.surryhillsfestival.org.au

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