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Melbourne's most eagerly anticipated annual art show
The VCA Art Graduate Exhibition 2007

Friday 23 November to Saturday 1 December

The annual VCA Art Graduate Exhibition shines the spotlight on the next generation of Australia's artists. For nine days only, from 23 November to 1 December 2007, the entire VCA Art space will be transformed into a vast gallery showcasing over 1000 works from students graduating in 2007.

Once a year, the VCA Art studios are dismantled and the doors are thrown open to the public. Graduating students from each of the discipline's departments - Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture and Spatial Practice - as well as those completing Postgraduate coursework and Honours, present some of the highlights from their years of study. The resulting show is a feast of drawing, prints, photography, sculpture, painting, screen-based and digital media by Australia's hottest new artists.

The annual Graduate Exhibition represents an opportunity for art lovers to enter this cultural laboratory, to have access to the intense artistic explorations and the creative energy that emits from VCA Art.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to preview the exciting work of Australia's newest and emerging artists

VCA Art occupies a custom-designed studio complex housing its specialist studios on a single site and draws on the strong legacy of the National Gallery Art School and the Prahran Art School, whose graduates included Arthur Boyd, Rupert Bunny, Margaret Preston, Hugh Ramsay, Fred Williams, Joy Hester and Clifton Pugh.

Recent alumni from **VCA Art** include Bill Henson, Jenny Watson, Rosslynd Piggott, Patricia Piccinini, Callum Morton, Susan Norrie and Ricky Swallow. VCA Art has established a dynamic presence as a forward-looking discipline with a clear mission to prepare artists with a lifelong commitment to professional practice.

The VCA Art Graduate Exhibition 2007

Dates: Friday 23 November to Saturday 1 December

Opening: Thursday 22 November from 6-8 pm

Admission is free

Hours: Mon to Fri 10am to 5pm, Sat/Sun 12 to 5pm

Venue: VCA Art, entry via VCA Margaret Lawrence Gallery,
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Reverse Crop Circle

Acrylic copolymer, ninety-nine glass jars, water, wheat: 222cm diameter

