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F!NK Fostering Design

Jewellery and juicers, bowls and brooches: these are just some of the everyday items transformed into amazing objects of desire by one of Australia's most innovative and distinctive design companies and now on display in Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. Curated by Merryn Gates, **F!NK: Fostering Design** features a retrospective of the entire range of designs by F!NK and Co., alongside objects designed by Robert Foster, the founding member of F!NK. Kettles, lamps, jugs and vases are just a few of the pieces created by these designers in sleek aluminium, titanium and stainless steel.

In the field of innovative design, F!NK and Co. has gained an international reputation as a spirited and distinctive Australian design company. **F!NK: Fostering Design** highlights the role of Robert Foster as the creative force behind F!NK and Co. and the partnerships he has fostered with other emerging Australian designers. With over nineteen years experience in the arts and design field, Robert Foster has gained an international reputation as a silversmith and leading designer, with work included in the collections of Australia's major arts institutions.

The exhibition draws upon Foster's skills in working with other designer makers. His shared experience with other artists through formal mentorships, collaborations and by invitation to design for F!NK and Co. is highlighted through the collaborations with Elizabeth Kelly, Sean Booth, Bronwen Riddiford, Rachel Bowak, Oliver Smith and Rohan Nicol.



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Official Opening

When: Friday, 12 February, 6.00-8.00pm

Where: Main Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Cost: Free

Exhibition Dates: Friday, 12 February – Sunday, 18 April, 2010

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