

Media Release

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ARTEXPRESS

The next generation of artistic stars are now on display at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, in **ARTEXPRESS**! The pick of the crop from the most recent HSC Visual Arts graduates have been selected for exhibition, with over three dozen students excelling in artforms from ceramics and painting to sculpture and photography.

This year's **ARTEXPRESS** exhibition reflects the students' many interests and concerns, including the exploration of culture, personal identity and family relations. The bigger issues of world politics and the human impact on the environment were also addressed.

In the creation of their bodies of work, the students have demonstrated their understanding and mastery of the technical skills and conventions required to produce an artwork along with sophisticated conceptual understanding of the world in which they live. The exceptional standard of these works is attributable to the high quality of visual arts teaching in schools across New South Wales.

The **ARTEXPRESS** exhibition at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery has been carefully chosen to include students from the region alongside their counterparts elsewhere in New South Wales, with both public and private schools represented – a true cross-section of the state's burgeoning creativity and experimentation in the visual arts. The selection of works displayed stand on their own, but are also conceptually connected: they allow for ideas to be explored, and layers of meanings and interpretation to be made.

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is proud to support our local and regional young artists in this wonderful exhibition. All are welcome to enjoy the works on display – current and former students, friends and family, and supporters of the arts in education. **ARTEXPRESS** will be officially launched on Friday 13 July, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. The exhibition is open to the public from Saturday 14 July until Sunday 15 September, 2013.

Exhibition Dates

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Where: Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

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Cost: Free