

ASIA-PACIFIC TRIENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART ARTISTS ANNOUNCED

Thirty-seven artists and two multi-artist projects from Asia, Australia and the Pacific will participate in 'The 5th Asia-Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art' (APT5), the opening exhibition at Brisbane's new Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) and refurbished Queensland Art Gallery.

The Queensland Art Gallery today announced the artists, filmmakers and performers selected for APT5, which opens on December 2 and continues until May 27, 2007.

With works ranging across visual art, film and performance, APT5 will include one of the world's most influential sculptors, Anish Kapoor; films by leading actor-director Jackie Chan; and a new work by Indigenous Australian artistic director and choreographer Stephen Page.

Arts Minister Rod Welford said APT5 was the only major exhibition in the world to focus exclusively on the contemporary art of Asia, Australia and the Pacific.

'As one of Australia's most exciting and significant arts events, APT is the perfect exhibition to launch GoMA, an important new cultural landmark for Queensland, and Australia's largest gallery for modern and contemporary art.

'More than half a million people have visited the previous four APTs, peaking with 220 000 visitors to APT 2002', Mr Welford said.

Queensland Art Gallery Board of Trustees Chairman Wayne Goss said APT was distinguished from other international arts events by its collecting focus.

'The Gallery's significant contemporary Asian, Pacific and Australian art collections have been developed in tandem with the APT series over the past decade', he said.

'For this APT, about 70 per cent of the works have recently been acquired for the Collection.'

Gallery Director Doug Hall leads the team of Queensland Art Gallery curators who have selected the APT5 artists.

'APT has a reputation for breaking new ground and this exhibition will continue that, introducing a curated cinema program for the first time and the strongest representation of Pacific artists to date', he said.

'The exhibition presents contemporary art that reflects powerful connections with histories and traditions and, in some cases, with social and political circumstances of countries in the region.'

Mr Hall said this APT would be the most ambitious ever, and would be twice the scale of previous APTs.

'This APT will be presented in the spectacular new spaces of the Gallery of Modern Art as well as key galleries within the Queensland Art Gallery', he said.

Like previous Triennials, the Gallery's Watermill will be the site for a major work in the exhibition. For APT5, leading Chinese artist and architect Ai Weiwei has been commissioned to create a massive 'chandelier', using approximately 300 000 individual pieces.

The artists confirmed to participate in APT 2006 include: **Ai Weiwei** (China), **Khadim Ali** (Pakistan), **Jackie Chan** (Hong Kong), **Beck Cole** (Australia, Warramungu/Luritja), **Justine Cooper** (Australia/USA), **eX de Medici** (Australia), **Jitish Kallat** (India), **Anish Kapoor** (India/UK), **Bharti Kher** (UK/India), **Sutee Kunavichayanont** (Thailand), **Kwon Ki-soo** (Korea), **Dinh Q Lã** (Vietnam), **Djambawa Marawili** (Australia, Madarrpa), **Nasreen Mohamedi** (India), **Tuấn Andrew Nguyễn** (Vietnam), **Dennis Nona** (Australia, Kala Lagaw Ya), **Eko Nugroho** (Indonesia), **Tsuyoshi Ozawa** (Japan), **Stephen Page** (Australia, Nunukul/Munaldjali/Yugambah), **Paiman** (Malaysia), **Michael Parekowhai** (New Zealand), **John Pule** (Niue/New Zealand), **Nusra Latif Qureshi** (Pakistan/Australia), **Rashid Rana** (Pakistan), **Sangeeta Sandrasegar** (Australia), **Kumar Shahani** (India), **Talvin Singh** (UK/India), **The Long March Project** (China), **The Pacific Textiles Project**, **Michael Stevenson** (New Zealand/Germany), **Masami Teraoka** (Japan/USA), **Yuken Teruya** (Japan/USA), **Sima Urale** (Samoa/New Zealand), **Viêt Linh** (Vietnam/France), **Gordon Walters** (New Zealand), **Apichatpong Weerasethakul** (Thailand), **Yang Fudong** (China), **Yang Zhenzhong** (China) and **Yoo Seung-ho** (Korea).

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THE INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS IN APT5 ARE:

AI Weiwei (China)
Khadim ALI (Pakistan)
Jackie CHAN (Hong Kong)
Beck COLE (Australia, Warramungu/Luritja)
Justine COOPER (Australia/USA)
eX DE MEDICI (Australia)
Jitish KALLAT (India)
Anish KAPOOR (India/UK)
Bharti KHER (UK/India)
Sutee KUNAVICHAYANONT (Thailand)
KWON Ki-soo (Korea)
Dinh Q LÊ (Vietnam)
Djambawa MARAWILI (Australia, Maḍarrpa)
Nasreen MOHAMEDI (India)
Tuấn Andrew NGUYỄN (Vietnam)
Dennis NONA (Australia, Kala Lagaw Ya)
Eko NUGROHO (Indonesia)
Tsuyoshi OZAWA (Japan)
Stephen PAGE (Australia, Nunukul/Munaldjali/Yugambah)
PAIMAN (Malaysia)
Michael PAREKOWHAI (New Zealand)
John PULE (Niue/New Zealand)
Nusra Latif QURESHI (Pakistan/Australia)
Rashid RANA (Pakistan)
Sangeeta SANDRASEGAR (Australia)
Kumar SHAHANI (India)
Talvin SINGH (UK/India)
Michael STEVENSON (New Zealand/Germany)
Masami TERAOKA (Japan/USA)
Yuken TERUYA (Japan/USA)
Sima URALE (Samoa/New Zealand)
VIỆT LINH (Vietnam/France)
Gordon WALTERS (New Zealand)
Apichatpong WEERASETHAKUL (Thailand)
YANG Fudong (China)
YANG Zhenzhong (China)
YOO Seung-ho (Korea)

ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE TWO MULTI-ARTIST
PROJECTS IN APT5 ARE:

LONG MARCH PROJECT (China)
HONG Hao
LI Tianbing
LIU Jieqiong
MU Chen and SHAO Yinong
QIN Ga
SHEN Xiaomin
WANG Wenhai
ZHOU Xiaohu

PACIFIC TEXTILES PROJECT

Aline AMARU (Tahiti, French Polynesia)

Gussie R BENTO (Hawai'i, USA)

Tungane BROADBENT (Mangaia/Rarotonga, Cook Islands)

Susana KAAFI (Tonga/Australia)

Deborah U KAKALIA (Hawai'i, USA)

Seruwai KUDRUVI (Lau Islands, Fiji)

Filiti Leya LEDUA (Fiji)

Tusi LUAFUTU (Samoa/Australia)

Finau MARA (Lau Islands, Fiji)

Tekauvai Teariki MONGA (Aitutaki/Rarotonga, Cook Islands)

Margo MORGAN (Hawai'i, USA)

Laupule POUTASI (Samoa)

Susie SUGI (Japan/Hawai'i, USA)

Emma TAMARII (Marquesas Islands/Tahiti, French Polynesia)

Marie Therese TAMARII (Marquesas Islands/Tahiti, French Polynesia)

Lepetia TOA (Samoa)

Sivaimauga VAAGI (Samoa)

Tapaeu WILLIAMS (Cook Islands/New Zealand)

Repeka YALI (Lau Islands, Fiji)