

Monday 20 April 2015

HUNGRY FOR ART FESTIVAL IS BACK

City of Ryde is serving up a feast for the senses in a program of visual arts and community creative events to celebrate the return of **HUNGRY FOR ART FESTIVAL – 7 May to 13 June 2015**.



HUNGRY FOR ART FESTIVAL unlocks the artistic talent of the creative community in the Northern Districts with events that take you in and out of the gallery experience, online and into surprisingly different spaces and sites to look, learn, take part and be inspired. **And best of all its FREE!**

Now in its third year, **HUNGRY FOR ART** runs for six weeks and draws on local talent and the wider artistic community giving you free-ranging access to art and photo exhibitions, open artist studios, free workshops and DrawFest (large scale art making event), pop up art market, and an art trail that takes you to all the cool local art places, plus the City of Ryde's premier arts event - *the Women's Art Prize*.

If you are **HUNGRY FOR ART** this is your invitation to try something new, explore cool places and satisfy your taste for art. Make a booking in your diary now!

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Hungry for Art Mobile Phone PhotoComp

Enter now! Entries close 30 April

- Theme: "Looking for Sound"
- What's your take on the relationship between visual image and sound – be lateral!
- Open to all ages and anyone who lives, works, studies or plays in City of Ryde
- Two prizes of \$500 (18 years and Under, Over 18 years)
- Submit entries by 30 April to hfaphotocomp@gmail.com with your name, age category, phone number, title of photo.
- Winners announced at Hungry for Art Launch, Thursday 7 May, 6.00 – 8.00 pm, See Street Gallery, Sydney Gallery School, Meadowbank Campus Northern Sydney Institute part of TAFE NSW.
- Exhibition runs Friday 8 May – Sunday 24 May
- Full details www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hungryforart

We need your pic – all you need is a mobile phone.

Hungry for Art Festival Launch

Thursday 7 May 6.00 – 8.00pm, See Street Gallery, Meadowbank

Be part of the buzz at the Official Launch of the **2015 Hungry for Art Festival**.

- Get a preview of the Festival highlights plus a copy of the official program
- Meet artists and chat to the organisers
- Be there when the winners of the Mobile Phone Photo Compare announced

- Be the first to see two exciting photographic exhibitions:
 - **Looking for Sound: Pure & Easy**
Exploring the relationship between visual art and sound
 - **PhotoComp Exhibition**
Competitors responding to the theme “Looking for Sound”
50 finalists on exhibition.

Market PopUp with Artisans Ryde and Australian Cartoonists’ Association

Saturday 9 May 10.00 am – 3.00pm

Top Ryde City shopping centre

- Shop for unique hand crafted items
- Discover the unique beauty of glass, ceramics, textiles, jewellery, cartoons and more
- Find the perfect gift for Mothers’ Day
- Meet members of the Australian Cartoonists’ Association.

Drawfest & Open Day @ Sydney Gallery School, Meadowbank - all ages all day!

Saturday 16 May, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Be part of Sydney’s biggest drawing and art making event

- Join the collaborative drawing Vertical Environment event and contribute to a large mural sized landscape
- Print your own postcard in the Printmaking studio
- Hone your skills and hang out with other art lovers at DrawFest All Day Art Class including life drawing with clothed models and grand-scale still-life
- Workshops include:
 - Portrait Labryrith – explore tone, contrast, form and scale through a dramatically lit installation of classical sculptures
 - Retro Theatre – explore colour and form relationship
 - Surreal Scape – draw a clothed model in a large scale illusionistic space where surreal visual effects puzzle the eye
- Kids can explore a range of activities and materials at the Kids Zone space.
- Sydney Gallery School, Meadowbank Campus of Northern Sydney Institute – part of TAFE NSW, See Street, Meadowbank.

Join the ART TRAIL for an all-day art adventure

Various locations throughout the City of Ryde

Sunday 24 May 10.00am – 5.00pm

Discover Ryde’s creative community – make art in cool places, meet artists in their studios, check out exhibitions and galleries and cafes.

- Meet artists Wendy Hope, John Klein, Janet Parker-Smith, Mitsuo and Chris Shoji, Sydney Art Exchange and more
- Explore historic venues like Willandra House and Gladesville Hospital where you’ll find exhibitions, artist studios and free art workshops
- Drop in to the all-day activities at the Macquarie University Art Gallery, including a tour of the Sculpture Park at 11.00am.

CITY OF RYDE WOMEN'S ART PRIZE

The City of Ryde Women's Art Prize is gaining a reputation as one of the most important art prizes for women in the state and is a highlight of HUNGRY FOR ART. **Applications close 11 May**

- Artists and members of the community can submit works connected to themes surrounding women or be inspired by the International Women's Day theme *Make it Happen*
- Last year a record 104 works were chosen for exhibition from a total of over 200 entries
- There are five categories (Open, Community, Youth, Local Artist and Peoples' Choice) with a total prize pool of \$3,250
- The exhibition opens 28 May and runs from 29 May – 13 June
- For details www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wap

2015 HUNGRY FOR ART promises to be an engaging, inspiring and very satisfying experience. So whether you're a curious local, an aspiring artist, a group of friends, or family looking to get creative - head to City of Ryde for an art adventure. It's Free and everyone's invited.

Festival event program and details visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hungryforart

Major Venues:

- See Street Gallery and Sydney Gallery School, Meadowbank Campus of The Northern Sydney Institute – part of TAFE NSW, See Street, Meadowbank
- Top Ryde City shopping centre, 109-129 Blaxland Road, Ryde
- Macquarie University Art Gallery, Faculty of Arts, E11A Building, Eastern Road, Macquarie Park
- Willandra House, 770 – 782 Victoria Road, Ryde
- Gladesville Hospital, Victoria Road, Gladesville

HUNGRY FOR ART is presented by the City of Ryde and led by independent artist, curator and HFA Festival Director, Cassandra Hard Lawrie.

The Festival is supported by The Northern Sydney Institute part of TAFE NSW and the Sydney Gallery School, Derivan, Cie-elle, Top Ryde City shopping centre.

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