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Media Statement

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Student talent shines in 2009 Young Originals exhibition

A painting of Rottnest at sunset and a digital photograph inspired by exotic and burlesque imagery are among diverse works by budding Western Australian artists now on display in Northbridge.

Open until October 10 at the Central TAFE Art Gallery, the 2009 Young Originals Exhibition features original artworks by more than 70 WA public secondary school students.

The works feature a variety of media from painting and sculpture to ceramics, textiles, and short film, and depicts themes including Australian history, family life and mental illness.

More than 200 artworks from 40 public schools were submitted for the exhibition and these were whittled down to a top 76 by the panel comprising prominent Perth visual artists Daveid Anderson, Elizabeth Delfs and Minaxi May.

Mr Anderson, himself a former Young Originals entrant, said deciding which entries to leave out was a near-impossible task.

“There was a great diversity of styles and mediums, with some interesting concepts being presented in innovative ways,” Mr Anderson said.

“As a Project Officer for Young People and the Arts I get to see the work of young artists almost every day, and I am pleased that through the Young Originals exhibition the whole community will get a chance to see the wealth of young talent we have in WA.”

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O’Neill said the quality of the exhibits was a credit to all involved in arts programs in WA public schools.

“The quality of work not only reflects the outstanding abilities of public school students, but also the skill and dedication of their teachers who nurture artistic talent and help it to thrive,” Ms O’Neill said.

“I congratulate each of the contributing students, their teachers and families, and encourage everyone to visit the exhibition and admire these works first-hand.”

Entry is free to Young Originals, which is at the Central TAFE Art Gallery at 12 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge. The gallery is open Monday to Friday between 10am and 4.45pm and Saturdays and Sundays between 2pm and 4.45pm, and closed on public holidays.

For more information call the Central TAFE Gallery on (08) 9427 1318, or visit www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou or look up the Young Originals Exhibition Facebook page.

Note: Exhibiting schools are listed below. While the exhibition is open now, an official launch will be held from 6pm-8pm on Tuesday, 22 September. Media are welcome to attend.

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Exhibiting schools are:

- Applecross Senior High School
- Balcatta Senior High School
- Ballajura Community College
- Canning Vale College
- Comet Bay College, Secret Harbour
- Cyril Jackson Senior Campus, Ashfield
- Darling Range Sports College, Forrestfield
- Duncraig Senior High School
- Eastern Hills Senior High School
- Geraldton Senior College
- Governor Stirling Senior High School, Woodbridge
- Greenwood Senior High School
- Hampton Senior High School
- John Curtin College of the Arts, Fremantle
- Kalamunda Senior High School
- Kelmscott Senior High School
- Mindarie Senior College
- Mount Lawley Senior High School
- Perth Modern School
- Pinjarra Senior High School
- Rossmoyne Senior High School
- Schools of Isolated and Distance Education
- Shenton College
- Swan View Senior High School
- Tom Price Senior High School
- Warnbro Community High School
- Warwick Senior High School
- Willetton Senior High School
- Woodvale Senior High School