

Dear VCA Access members,

We are delighted to invite you to the VCA Access tour of the 2018 Auckland Art Fair.

This is a special tour for us. Not only will we be celebrating great contemporary art in the region, but more specifically, the art of our five very own VCA Access students who will be exhibiting. This is the first time VCA and Art Curatorship students will be represented in an art fair and we thank you as part of VCA Access for creating this unique opportunity. Students will gain real world experience that will fuel development of their sustainable career practice. This tour is also the first collaborative project between the VCA and the University of Melbourne's Art Curatorship program.

Our itinerary runs Wednesday May 23 – 25 and details are provided below. The cost of \$500pp includes all passes, transport as well as Wednesday lunch and dinner with a trip to the infamous Gibbs Farm. RSVP details are found on last page of this attachment.

We hope you can join us.
Please contact any of us with any questions.

Warm regards,
Caroline, Jane and Rossie.
info@vcaaccess.com.au

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WEDNESDAY 23 MAY

11:30 AM

VIP PREVIEW AUCKLAND ART FAIR

A welcome from VCA Director, Prof. Jon Cattapan who will launch the VCA Access Auckland Art Fair program. Jon will then introduce participating VCA Access Students who will guide us through the VCA stand and their individual exhibits.

VCA students are participating in a new section of Auckland Art Fair, called Piki Mai: Up Here^^. Located on the mezzanine level of The Cloud, Piki Mai: Up Here^^ will feature a small number of young galleries, artist-run spaces or student / recent graduate exhibitions under the auspices of an art school. Separate from the main gallery area on the ground floor, this space will offer a snapshot of artists whose work could appear at future art fairs.

With an understanding of the VCA area, we will have a guided tour of the rest of Piki Mai: Up Here^^. In addition to the VCA, there will be representation from The Elam School of Fine Art (Auckland University), young artists from a selection of Chinese Fine Art Academies, Interlude Gallery (Sydney) and Mokopopaki Gallery (Auckland).

1 PM

LUNCH AT AUCKLAND ART FAIR

VCA Access has arranged a table for a group lunch at the Fair. This is a fixed price lunch, including a glass of champagne. The cost of this lunch is included in the total price of the 3 day program. If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise in advance to info@vcaaccess.com.au

2 PM

VIP PREVIEW GUIDED TOUR OF MAIN FAIR

Auckland Art Fair Director, Stephanie Post, will welcome us to the main section of the Fair, introducing a number of New Zealand gallery highlights before giving time to wander and explore the Fair at our leisure.

3 PM

FREE TO WANDER AND EXPLORE THE FAIR AT LEISURE

4 - 6.30 PM FREE TIME

Check into your hotel, explore Auckland, shop, eat, drink or rest.

6:30 PM

DINNER AT OSTRO seafarers.co.nz/ostro

VCA Access has reserved tables at Ostro. Details will be finalized once numbers of attendees have been confirmed. The cost of this dinner is included in the total price of the 3 day program.

8 PM ONWARDS

OPENING NIGHT AT THE FAIR

Wander back to the Fair for the bustle of the Opening Night and a chance to have another look through the Fair at your leisure.

An after party at a local bar kicks off from 9 PM. VCA Access members have been exclusively invited to join. Further details TBA.


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THURSDAY **24 MAY**

Enjoy a selection of VIP events in and around Auckland.

The day begins with an artists' breakfast at the Te Tuhi exhibition at The Silos in Wynyard Quarter. We then move on to visit commercial galleries, a private collection, an artist's studio and the Auckland Art Gallery for a curator led tour of current exhibitions, before heading out to dinner. Full details to follow.

All transport costs will be included in the total price of the Auckland Art Fair Package. *The cost of meals and drinks on Thursday 24 May will not be included.*

FRIDAY **25 MAY**

An exclusive opportunity to visit world renowned, Gibbs Farm.

This private sculpture park overlooking the Kaipara Harbour is 45 minutes north west of Auckland.

With commissioned works by international artists including Richard Serra, Anish Kapoor and Andy Goldsworthy, the park opens rarely to the public. For more information see gibbsfarm.org.nz

Transport will be organized from central Auckland at approximately 9.15 AM (exact time TBC) and a gourmet picnic lunch will be included. Please advise in advance of any dietary requirements.

Please note that this visit will proceed in all weather conditions – rain, hail or shine. Accordingly, pack and wear comfortable shoes that will allow you to walk for 3+ hours and bring your wet weather gear.

Following the visit to Gibbs Farm, return to Auckland at approximately 3:30-4 PM which leaves enough time to take the 6 PM Qantas flight home to Melbourne.

The cost of the visit to Gibbs Farm is included in the total cost of the VCA Access Auckland Art Fair Package and covers all transport to and from, as well as lunch.

ADD ON **OPTIONS**

If arriving in Auckland on Tuesday 22nd May, you are invited to the Auckland Art Fair preview dinner. Please contact us if interested as tickets can be arranged for you at cost.

If staying on in Auckland for the weekend, there will be other VIP events on the Saturday which you are welcome to attend. These events will be detailed on the VIP section of the Art Fair website in due course. Your VIP invitation gives you continued access to the Art Fair for the rest of the weekend, including the Art Party at 'The Cloud' on Friday night.

For more information on Auckland Art Fair see artfair.co.nz

GETTING **THERE & HOME**

Both Qantas and Air New Zealand fly to and from Auckland.

BOOKING VIP PARTNER HOTELS

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ENTER: **ArtFair2018** to view rates offered to VCA Access.

A unique luxury boutique hotel experience in the heart of Auckland city. Settled in downtown Auckland, Hotel DeBrett links two unique precincts – High Street's hip fashion and Shortland Street's tailored commerce. Hotel DeBrett's iconic building has been stylishly reinterpreted into a 25-room luxury boutique hotel. Every room is individually designed and complemented with eclectic furniture, New Zealand art and photography. The famous Housebar has been meticulously restored as Auckland's premier meeting place, while a glass roofed atrium and courtyard form the central focal point for guests and diners at DeBrett's Kitchen. At street level the colourful Cornerbar with a touch of NZ retro, has an emphasis on local craft beers and boutique wines.



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ENTER **ART18** to view rates offered to VCA Access.

Hotel Grand Windsor MGallery by Sofitel has recently re-launched after a multimillion-dollar refit, offering exquisitely appointed guest rooms and suites and quality dining to match. The hotel occupies a heritage building on Queen Street with Cooke's Restaurant & Bar paying homage to the famous eatery of the same name which first occupied the building back in 1928. Cooke's diners will enjoy a beautifully created menu in which wholefood dishes designed for sharing are the star attractions.

These rates are valid for stays from 21 - 29 May 2018.

Both hotels will be offering VCA Access Members a discount on coffees and drinks in their bars for the duration of the Art Fair; perfect for good meeting places. Both hotels are centrally located and within walking distance of most venues.

VCA ACCESS PACKAGE

COST

The VCA Access Auckland Art Fair Package is \$500 and covers the following:

- Access to the Auckland Art Fair (including private tours)
- Wednesday lunch at the Art Fair
- Dinner Wednesday night at Ostra
seafarers.co.nz/ostro
- Transport for all Thursday events
- Our visit to Gibbs Farm (including transport and lunch)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Meals/drinks Thursday
- Additional drinks

RSVP

To register your interest in the VCA Access Auckland Art Fair Tour please register before Friday 20 April on our website vcaaccess.com.au under **Events** (Username: **member** Password: **access18**)

Once registered, you will be mailed your exclusive VIP pass. Please hold on to it and bring it with you to Auckland to ensure entry and access to all events.

Follow the Fair **@aucklandartfair** for all the latest news.

For any queries, please reach us at info@vcaaccess.com.au
