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# **Interludes Into Abstraction Art Exhibition – Rosanne Lawton**

Rosanne Lawton 'aka' Zar Art & Designs populates her abstract artwork of strong and simple design pieces that compliment the modern interior. Her award winning artwork creates unique pieces combining simplicity with abstract compositions. Expressions from day-to-day experiences inspire Rosanne's innovative designs with the use of abstract geometrics and random elements. Her diverse range in design, theme and size provides for every taste. Vibrant, retro and bold colours inspire this unique and simple abstract art.

Rosanne's artwork has appeared in group and solo exhibitions throughout Melbourne, Sydney and Queensland in Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Mackay, Townsville and Port Douglas. Her artwork was displayed at Art Melbourne 07 in April which fascinated art critics and excited architects who she works closely with in interior design of architectural homes. One of her inspiring pieces was chosen as a finalist in the Art Agendo Awards 07 in Melbourne, Victoria which received great reviews.

These "unique and inspiring" artworks continue to impact the art world. This young and talented artist provides the perfect mix to succeed inspiring all with her professionalism and unique talent.

Don't miss her Mackay exhibition at the Ambassador Hotel, Bridges Gallery VIP Opening 23rd November from 6pm. Come and see why Rosanne's growing reputation in Melbourne and Sydney has acclaimed her artwork interstate

acknowledgment and why this young artist has hit the art world creating a demand boom for her "unique" designs.

Rosanne's unique Artwork is now also available for commision based work to her clients.

VIP Night: Friday 23rd November 6pm

When: 23 November 07 - 26 January 08 Where: Ambassador Hotel, 2 Sydney Street,

Mackay Qld

RSVP: 15 November 2007

07 4957 7340

Cost: FREE

Websites to Visit to view Rosanne Lawton's Artwork 'aka' Zar Art & Designs:-

www.myspace.com/zarart,

### www.artwhatson.com.au/ROSANNELAWTON

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# **UTAS Post Graduate Study Opportunity**

#### Opportunities to meet with Professor Vincent McGrath in Mackay

# Tuesday 20th November and Wednesday 21st November 2007

Professor Vincent McGrath, Head, School of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Tasmania, will be visiting Mackay Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November 2007 to meet with interested artists wishing to explore pathways for entry into the MCA degree.

Study in the Master of Contemporary Arts (MCA) is undertaken through the highly prestigious Academy of the Arts at the Launceston campus. This challenging and

creative program provides professional studio/workplace-oriented experiences that will extend your understanding and appreciation of arts-related concepts, propositions and contemporary professional practices, assisting in new opportunities for work in the creative industries. The Master of Contemporary Arts will help you enhance the following skills and attributes:

- 1. Problem-solving and critical thinking within the contemporary arts (visual arts, gallery practices) disciplines
- **2.** In-depth knowledge of your chosen field of study within the contemporary arts and the ability to apply this in practice

- 3. Analytical and research skills
- **4.** Effective communication across a range of contexts, through practical, written and oral presentations
- **5.** Development of local and global perspective's within the disciplines of contemporary arts
- **6.** Appreciation of the impact of social, ethical and environmental change particularly how it impacts on, and is predicated by the visual arts, theatre, gallery practices, digital design and contemporary music
- **7.** Learn and practise correct occupational health and safety procedures that apply to owner/operator arts businesses and group workplace environments.

## **Postgraduate Studies Starting in 2008**

Interested artists wishing to explore pathways for entry into the MCA degree. The School of Visual & Performing Arts from the University of Tasmania announces a unique opportunity to develop your creative talents in a dynamic arts environment through postgraduate study. We are now offering places in our postgraduate course 'Master of Contemporary Arts' to the Mackay region (The Mackay Region is defined as: Shires of Sarina, Broadsound, Mackay, Mirani, Nebo, Belyando, Whitsunday & Bowen) in 2008, so artists do not have to relocate to undertake study.

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If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact: Ann Williams-Fitzgerald on 4957 7505

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For further information on the School of Visual and Performing Arts visit our website at:

http://www.acadarts.utas.edu.au

or Ph: (03) 6324 4400.

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# **Orange Gecko Art Member Feature...**

#### ABOUT... Rosanne Lawton - Orange Gecko Art Member

Rosanne was born in Sydney and raised in Queensland which has contributed to the beauty and grandeur of bright and unique themes reflected in her art pieces.

Rosanne's passion for art began at a young age. In her recent years her flare for art has intensified and developed into a professional art career. After years of debilitating migraines and regular hospitalisation, Rosanne has emerged with a refreshing and positive attitude to life - an inspiration to all who meet her. Some artists have their demons and "migraines" she says, could be hers. This young woman takes it all in her stride and accepts life as it is. Innocence, trauma, passions and emotions all fused together into her art pieces. Look out for her intriguing artwork displays at the Ambassador Hotel, Bridges Gallery VIP 23rd November from 6pm and continues until 26th January 08.

Rosanne's Next Exhibition...
'INTEREUDES INTO ABSTRACTION'

Rosanne Lawton Artwork

'aka' Zar Art & Designs

at

Bridges Gallery, Ambassador Hotel

VIP Opening

Friday 23rd November at 6pm

Exhibition runs

3rd November 2007 - 26th January 2008

RSVP (07) 4957 7340 by 15th November 2007



# Join the Popular Orange Gecko Art Network





# **ORANGE GECKO Art Network**

We are a membership-based network of professional artists. We offer connection and support for visual artists, craftspeople, photographers, film-makers and the culturally aware! We provide access to a range of services such as information, networking, training and professional development and advocacy.

### **Mission Statement**

To promote & facilitate the continuing development of professional emerging and established visual artists in/from the Mackay/Whitsunday Region

#### **AIMS**

To assist in bridging the gap for Visual Artists from formal training to commercial viability and provide access to a range of services such as information, networking, training and professional development and advocacy. In achieving this vision through:

- Promoting local artists and their artworks
- Facilitating ongoing Professional Development opportunities
- Committed to maintaining open and inclusive communication with all stakeholders
- Committed to creating an active and creative learning environment for all
- Supports creativity, industry innovation, excellence and best practice

Recognising the substantial gap that existed between completion of formal training and commercial viability for local artists, ORANGE GECKO was formed to assist in bridging that gap. In many ways it is a 'self-help' collective of artists offering many and varied forms of assistance to local emerging artists.

ORANGE GECKO wishes formally to acknowledge the assistance and support given by the Ambassador and, in particular, for the development of Bridges Gallery as an exhibition venue for the artists.

Visit us at our Website: www.angelfire.com/planet/orangegecko/

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