

Menagerie

CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS SCULPTURE

MEDIA RELEASE

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A celebration of Indigenous culture in Hyde Park!

In association with the groundbreaking exhibition *Menagerie: Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture*, Object Gallery and the Australian Museum will present a day-long outdoor sculptural weaving demonstration in Hyde Park, in association with Art & About 2009.

Three accomplished fibre artists featured in *Menagerie* – Marina Murdilnga and Penny Milingu Wanapuyngu from Arnhem Land and Vicki West from Tasmania – will collaborate with Sydney-based designer Lucy Simpson and other local artists in an interactive program that celebrates cultural exchange.

Audiences will have the opportunity to observe the innovative processes underpinning contemporary Indigenous art, craft and design within Australia, and will leave with a profound understanding of the extraordinary time and expertise required to create work using fibre and natural materials.

Woven items including bags, baskets and small sculptures made by the artists will be available to purchase at a market stall, which directly supports the artists and their communities.

Where: Hyde Park (opposite Australian Museum)

When: Saturday 3 October, 11.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: Free

Menagerie: Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture is currently showing at Object Gallery and the Australian Museum until 15 November 2009, before embarking on an extensive national tour to eight venues.

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Menagerie is an Associated Event of Art & About 2009 presented by City of Sydney. Image: Penny Milingu Wanapuyngu, Weaving pandanus, Gapuwiyak, Arnhem Land, NT August 2008. Courtesy the artist. Photo: Nicole Foreshew



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Object Gallery
417 Bourke Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010
Open Tuesday to Sunday
11am - 6pm
(Closed Monday)

Australian Museum
6 College Street
Sydney NSW 2010 Australia
Open Daily 9:30am - 5pm
www.australianmuseum.net.au

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