

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CAPO 28 Annual Auction and Awards Ceremony A gala night of arts and entertainment not to be missed**

The National Archives of Australia will open its doors at 6.45pm to welcome guests of Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) on Saturday, 26 November 2011 to the CAPO 28 gala auction and awards ceremony. Throughout the evening, there will be music by *Frequently Asked Questions*, a performance by poet and rapper Omar Musa, a virtual appearance from 'the new music ensemble', *The Griffyn Ensemble* and a superb selection of gourmet food and drinks.

Eighty-one artworks will be on display, ready to be auctioned during the night, valued from \$100 to over \$7000. They include works in lighting, photography, painting, printmaking, drawing, jewellery, sculpture, textiles, ceramics and glass.

Ten awards, including the prestigious CAPO Fellowship, will be given to artists. CAPO's awards are granted from submissions received to support an artist's professional practice and projects and are assessed on artistic merit, community benefit and significant opportunity for the art practice.

Susan Ellis, a member of The Griffyn Ensemble and a former CAPO Fellow said, "Every year I have a blast trying to get a bargain and pick the 'chosen' art at the Art Auction Gala and Award announcements. I am always happy and excited with the treasures I bring home and really, it is a highlight of the year for me. CAPO assisted me to go to Germany so I encourage others to support the next fortunate artist that will have the life changing opportunity I had".

Seventy-nine artists from Canberra and the Capital region have donated to the CAPO 28 exhibition that will open to the public prior to the auction on Friday 18 November at the National Archives of Australia. The exhibition is free of charge to visitors from 18-26 November from 9am – 5pm. This is a great opportunity to view the exhibition at leisure and identify favourite artworks prior to the auction.

CAPO President Neil Doody said, "Every year, the Board is grateful for the support of artists in our community who generously donate works. We appreciate the support of the National Archives of Australia in presenting the exhibition over a week and hosting the floor talk program".

The CAPO annual exhibition offers an insightful look into the life and culture surrounding Australia's capital through the artists who contribute to a creative community and flourishing art production across a range of media. A catalogue accompanies this significant exhibition and is available at the auction and online.

Tickets for the CAPO 28 gala auction and artist awards ceremony on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November can be purchased online at [www.capo.org.au](http://www.capo.org.au). Only ticket holders can bid in the auction.

CAPO is a non-profit organisation and all proceeds are directed to the local arts community through grants and fellowships. CAPO is generously supported by donations from Canberra's artists and leading businesses.

**Full list of CAPO 28 artists follows next page.  
Interviews can be arranged. images are available.**

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## 2011 DONATING ARTISTS

Antonia Aitken  
Alison Alder  
Micky Allan  
Alex Asch  
Kate Barker  
Jane Barney  
Vivienne Binns OAM  
Nicolette Benjamin Black  
Robert Boynes & Patsy Payne  
Jacqueline Bradley  
Julie Bradley  
Briolette  
Di Broomhall  
Heather Burness  
Sarah Carlson  
Sarit Cohen  
Karen Cromwell  
Hamilton Darroch  
Michelle Day  
Mariana del Castillo  
Nicola Dickson  
Trevor Dunbar  
Anna Eggert  
Gloria Ellis  
Linzie Ellis  
Elizabeth Faul  
Denise Ferris  
Dianne Firth  
Robert Foster  
Cecile Galiazzo  
Lee Grant  
Carole Griffiths  
Katherine Griffiths  
Griffyn Ensemble  
Nicci Haynes  
Lauren Hewitt  
Bettina Hill  
Stephen Holland  
Alison Jackson

Amy Kerr  
Blaide Lallemand  
Cinnamon Lee  
Gary Lee  
Michael Le Grand  
Anita McIntyre  
Peter McLean  
Ann McMahan  
Andrea McQuaig  
Timo Nest  
Derek O'Connor  
Mike Parr  
Elizabeth Paterson  
Kaye Pemberton  
Martine Peters  
Jude Rae  
Gilbert Riedelbauch  
Jennifer Robertson  
Brenda Runnegar  
Luna Ryan  
Harriet Schwarzrock  
Erica Seccombe  
Andrew Sikorski  
Fiona Sivyer  
Bernie Slater  
Gary Smith  
Franki Sparke  
Nick Stranks  
Genevieve Swifte  
Wendy Teakel  
Frank Thirion  
Kensuke Todo  
Danyka Van Buuren  
Peter Vandermark  
Ruth Waller  
Jane Meredith Whitten  
Chris Whitelaw  
GL Wyatt  
Brooke Zeligman

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