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Exhibition celebrates young artists

Children are being celebrated as artists in the latest UTAS NEW Gallery exhibition with beautiful, colourful pieces purchased by Northern Children's Network now on display.

The official launch of Children's Voices In Art, today, at 6pm in the Newnham campus gallery, will coincide with a free public lecture by Prof. Susan Wright, author of *Children, Meaning Making and the Arts*.

Prof. Wright's commentary at the exhibition and public lecture will show why she is considered an international expert on children's learning in and through the arts.

She says that one of the elements parents and teachers should be taking into account when viewing children's creative compositions is "how", and "what".

"Understanding children's meaning is not only about looking at what is being communicated but how this is being done through the child's use of aesthetic form, like shading, bold lines, strong contrasts, angles or framing," Prof. Wright said.

The exhibition will be the first time that the artwork, purchased by NCN in past years from the annual Art Tastic event held during Children's Week, has travelled outside the NCN gallery.

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