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Bouncing into a bright future

A giant goat ballerina is just one of the jaw-dropping artworks on display at the UTAS Academy Gallery now.

The dancing goat is part of *Bounce*, an exhibition of the best of the 2009 Honours and post-graduate artwork produced at the School of Visual and Performing Arts, Academy of the Arts.

Bounce showcases artworks from a variety of mediums, including found-object sculpture, textiles, painting, ceramics and multi-media.

Bounce was curated by School of Visual and Performing Arts graduate Melanie Kershaw and brings together students studying on-and off-campus, including students from Hobart, the Northern Territory and Queensland.

Academy Gallery Director Malcom Bywaters said the exhibition was a wonderful celebration of the School's post-graduate work.

"The artwork on display is very diverse and very high quality, with a wide variety of mediums used," Mr Bywaters said.

"Our students have produced work which is cutting-edge, challenging and skilful."

"It is fantastic to have one of our own graduates come back as part of our returns program and curate this show.

"It really illustrates the calibre of training and skill our students get from studying here at the Academy."

The exhibition opening on Friday will be kicked off with a speech at 6pm by another Academy graduate, the new Curator of Contemporary Art at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Damien Quilliam.

This annual exhibition will run for three weeks. Admission is free.

What: *Bounce*: An exhibition of the best of the 2009 Honours, MFA, MCA and PhD student artwork.

When: Opening celebration: 5:30 – 7pm, Friday 13 November 2009. Exhibition dates: 13 November – 4 December 2009.

Where: The Academy Gallery, Academy of the Arts, School of Visual and Performing Arts, Inveresk, Launceston.

Media note: the exhibition is already hung for filming/photography purposes

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