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A year's hard work on the walls

Honours students at the UTAS Tasmanian School of Art are displaying a year's worth of hard work this week.

The *Infinitus* exhibition is in two parts, with the Honours component opening this Friday and the Masters by coursework show opening next Friday.

Head of the School of Art Professor Noel Frankham said the Honours year is quite special because students focus on a specific thesis topic for the entire year.

"The standard of work the students produce is very high and must be supported by substantial research.

"The artwork being displayed in the Plimsoll Gallery here at the School of Art is wonderfully diverse and I hope members of the public come along to view the exhibitions opening this week and next."

Neil Holmstrom and Ashlee Irwin are among the many Fine Arts Honours students submitting their final work.

Neil's project is titled *Fatal Facades: the death mask in art* and considers how the employment of death mask imagery in the work of several artists informs contemporary attitudes towards death.

Ashlee's work investigates the work of Japanese artist Yasumasa Morimura and is titled: *Appropriation and The Self: An Investigation Into the Art of Yasumasa Morimura*.

Both students have created an artefact to accompany their written thesis, Neil created cold cast bronze life mask of his face and Ashlee made a photographic work.

Infinitus opens officially Friday 11 November at 5.30pm at the Plimsoll Gallery, UTAS Tasmanian School of Art, Hunter Street Hobart. Emeritus Professor Jonathan Holmes will speak at the opening.

The exhibition will continue until the 13th November, opening hours 12pm to 5pm.

Media opportunity: Honours students Neil Holmstrom and Ashlee Irwin will be available to talk about their Honours projects tomorrow at 10.30am at the School of Art foyer, Hunter Street. (Go up steps, through revolving door, into the art school foyer.)

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