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New exhibition shows passion and drive

After a lot of hard work, graduating UTAS Tasmanian School of Art Honours and Master of Fine Art and Design students will exhibit their artwork this Friday.

The 14 candidates presenting their work have specialised in the fields of Art and Design Theory, Electronic Media, Photography, Painting, Printmaking and Drawing.

The exhibition will be officially opened by Associate Professor of Fine Art Debra Porch, from the Queensland College of Art, Griffith University.

The announcement of the annual Bett Gallery Award recipient will also be made at the opening. The winner will be selected on Friday afternoon.

Now in its fourth year, the award recognises the very best new talent from the UTAS Honours and Masters of Fine Art and Design graduates.

The Bett Gallery Award provides the recipient with valuable experience, giving them the opportunity to hold a solo exhibition in a commercial setting, giving them an entry into the highly competitive art market.

Previous recipients of the prestigious award include Darren Cook (2010), Noni Gander (2009) and Lydia Evangelou-Oost (2011). Lydia will open her first solo exhibition at Bett Gallery on the 7th of December.

UTAS Course Co-ordinator, Anne MacDonald, is proud of the students' hard work.

"It has been exciting to observe their projects develop and reach fruition in this exhibition.

"I congratulate them all for their individual passion and drive, equalled only by their collegial generosity and support," she said.

"It has been a privilege to work with them and I wish them all success for the future."

Who: Student artists, Assoc Prof Debra Porch, guests

What: UTAS Honours and Master of Fine Art and Design graduate exhibition

When: 5.30pm on Friday 16 November 2012.

Where: Plimsoll Gallery, UTAS Tasmanian School of Art, Hunter Street,
Hobart

Please note the exhibition will be closed for examination and judging on Thursday and Friday. The first public viewing will be at the opening on Friday at 5.30pm. The exhibition continues 12noon – 5pm until Sunday 25 November.

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