

## Media Release

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## Artists up in the AiR with new hotel program

A new artist-in-residence program will give selected local artists a range of professional practice opportunities.

The Artist in Residence (AiR) program is a partnership between the University of Tasmania and The Henry Jones Art Hotel.

The AiR program aims to develop and extend professional practice opportunities for University students and staff, and guests of The Henry Jones Art Hotel, through creative events like artist talks, exhibitions and workshops, as well as the daily studio-based interactions with professional artists.

Coordinated by the University's Tasmanian College of the Arts, the AiR program participants are invited to submit an expression of interest and outline their contribution to the School and the Art Hotel's community.

The successful AiRs will be encouraged to work on-site, supported by studio space, mentoring and technical support as well as access to University workshops and facilities.

AiR applicants are encouraged to think laterally about how they might engage the School and the Art Hotel precinct.

Professor Kit Wise, Head of the University's Tasmanian College of the Arts, said "opportunities for being an artist in residence proved to be the turning points in my own career.

"They provide unique, intense and sometimes life-changing experiences, both for the artist and for those they engage with.

"I am delighted The Henry Jones Art Hotel recognises the deep and lasting value of opportunities such as these, again both for individual artists and the community more broadly. We look forward to continuing our close working relationship."

Christine Scott, the Hotel's Art Curator, said a long-held objective of the Hotel has been to facilitate an artist in residence/support program for students at the Tasmanian College of the Arts.

“After much discussions with the art college about their vision and what we can do to help make it happen, we are very excited that the AiR Program is being launched.

“Supporting artists has been one of our core values since the Hotel opened and we expect the AiR Program will become one of the most significant residencies available to artists working across all disciplines.

“We thank the University of Tasmania for the opportunity to be involved and look forward to meeting, and working with, the artists.”

Applications are by invitation only. For inquiries, please contact:

[art.tsareception@utas.edu.au](mailto:art.tsareception@utas.edu.au) Each AiR residency runs for a maximum period of 16 weeks.

***The program will be officially launched tonight at the Entrepot Gallery, Hunter Street, at 5pm. Professor Kit Wise will speak at 5.30pm.***

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