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Love art? New collectors unit could be for you

The University's Tasmanian College of the Arts (TCotA) is offering a new unit specifically designed for local art and design collectors: *Contemporary Art for Collectors*.

Contemporary Art for Collectors has been developed to enrich current and aspiring collectors' understanding of local, national and international art and design practice and collections.

The unit comprises a series of lecture presentations, gallery visits and studio workshops designed to explore and reflect on diverse models of collecting, the significance of private/public collections, the history and memory embedded in objects, and issues of chance, value, taste and "collectability."

Based at the Hunter St campus of TCotA, *Contemporary Art for Collectors* will include site visits to MONA, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, local commercial galleries and contemporary art spaces.

The unit will be taught by **Craig Judd**, **Brigita Ozolins** and **Lucy Bleach**, who bring significant art and design curation, practice and collection experience.

Ms Bleach, an academic and respected practising artist, said the unit was suited to anyone passionate about art collection.

"Tasmania has a thriving arts community, with a growing network of collectors interested in local, national and international contemporary arts. The conditions are ripe for an opportunity to nurture this groundswell.

"*Contemporary Art for Collectors* will provide a unique opportunity for participants to share ideas, consider the potential scope of their collection and network with the local collector community.

"The lectures, gallery tours and workshops are designed to activate participants' practical and theoretical engagement with collecting."

For further information and to apply, call 1300 363 864 or visit www.utas.edu.au/futurestudents

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