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SCREENMACHINES sculpting the artists of tomorrow

An exciting learning program is set to encourage and inspire talented young art students this week.

This year's *SCREENMACHINES* art program is the follow-up to the 2009's program *GREENMACHINES*.

Each team of three to five year nine and 10 school students, selected by their art teachers, will take part in an intensive workshop at the UTAS Tasmanian School of Art.

The students will work collaboratively to develop ceramic sculptures and videos under the instruction of Mr John Vella, Head of Sculpture at the UTAS Tasmanian School of Art, School of Art Video lecturer Raef Sawford and 10 School of Art student volunteers.

The initiative is designed to inspire and challenge the students and give them the opportunity to work with the School of Art facilities.

The students' art works will be exhibited at the School of Art and then in Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery in tandem with the City of Hobart Art Prize exhibition, which this year will focus on ceramics and digital media.

Mr Vella said the students' work would also be made into a high-quality hard copy catalogue to accompany the exhibition, which would be distributed nationally.

"In addition we will be publishing documentary-style videos of the project in progress on youtube," he said.

Mr Vella said the previous year's program was been one of the most rewarding teaching experiences of his career.

"I am proud that 2009's *GREENMACHINES* put sculpture back on the school agenda and in the process demonstrated to 60 school students, their teachers, families and peers, that learning is not just a job it's an adventure," he said.

SCREENMACHINES is the second ART SUP- (Student Universities and Professionals) PORT initiative of the Department of Education, Tasmanian

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