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## Young Tassie art makes vibrant exhibition

The UTAS Tasmanian School of Art is hosting ArtRage 2008, the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG)'s exhibition of secondary school student artwork.

Showcasing the talent of many of Tasmania's future arts professionals, ArtRage is exhibited in the creative environment of the School of Art, Hobart.

ArtRage includes artwork from more than 70 secondary art students from across the State. The works were selected by curators from QVMAG.

ArtRage is diverse in subject matter and media. Digital and traditional black and white photographs, sculpture, painting, drawing and graphic design work are strongly represented.

Head of the School of Art in Hobart, Professor Noel Frankham, said the annual exhibition was always an exciting and vibrant event for the School.

"It is wonderful for us to join in this celebration of creativity and, in hosting ArtRage, to welcome these students and their families into the School of Art.

"ArtRage receives extraordinary cooperation from students and teachers, as well as other participants within the industry," Prof. Frankham said.

"It is our hope that many of the ArtRage entrants will go on to study at the School of Art and further hone their skills in the future."

ArtRage is supported by QVMAG, the Burnie Regional Gallery and the Tasmanian School of Art. This co-operation ensures ArtRage will be accessible to an enthusiastic audience state-wide.

The official ArtRage opening is tonight (**Friday 24th July**) at 6pm.

The opening speaker will be Prof. Susan Dodds, Dean of the UTAS Faculty of Arts, with a welcome by Prof. Noel Frankham.

**What:** ArtRage 2008 exhibition of secondary student artwork

**Where:** The UTAS Tasmanian School of Art, Centre for the Arts, Hunter Street, Hobart. Entrance through main foyer.

**When:** Official opening is Friday 24th July at 6pm.

The exhibition will also be open from 25 July until 16 August 2009, open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.30pm and weekends from 10am to 4.45pm.

**For more information or to organise an interview with Prof. Noel Frankham, please contact Lucia Usmiani on (03) 6226 4300 or (03) 6226 4325**

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