



9 June 2006

## **Meeting Place, Keeping Place**

### **A free exhibition celebrating contemporary local artists from diverse cultures**

*Meeting Place, Keeping Place* is a free visual art exhibition at the Arts Centre from 7 July – 8 October 2006, celebrating Victoria's cultural diversity and the vitality that different cultures bring to the visual and performing arts.

Part of the Arts Centre's MIX IT UP! initiative, *Meeting Place Keeping Place* showcases a fascinating cross-section of established and emerging visual artists, working across a range of media, including painting, printmaking, photography, installation and new media.

The artists included in the exhibition are: Sutueal Bekele Althe, Kate Beynon, Angela Cavalieri, Renato Colangelo, Raafat Ishak, Ellen José, Magda Matwiejew, Georgia Metaxas, Nusra Latif Qureshi, Naeem Rana, Sangeeta Sandrasegar, Emmanuel Santos, Melinda Schawel, Renee So, Susan Wirth and Mami Yamanaka.

Curator, Steven Tonkin says "*Victoria is both home to and a meeting place for artists from around the globe. These artists keep the richness of their own cultural heritage alive in their work, and infuse Melbourne's contemporary art scene with a unique dynamism not seen elsewhere.*"

A range of free public events have been created to bring to life the ethos of *Meeting Place, Keeping Place*. These include:

#### **Floor Talks**

Join curator Steven Tonkin and a panel of artists for a discussion of their work.

**Thurs 31 August, 12.30pm:** Sutueal Bekele Althe, Angela Cavalieri and Emmanuel Santos

**Thurs 28 September, 12.30pm:** Renato Colangelo, Naeem Rana and Melinda Schawel

#### **Free Entertainment, Fridays, 6.30pm**

Free performances from musicians and artists from culturally diverse backgrounds.

#### **My World, My Victoria, My Home**

**Open daily from 22 July:** What does cultural diversity mean to you? Young people throughout Victoria were asked to draw, paint or illustrate their interpretation of "My World, My Victoria, My Home". See their results in this joyous selection of artworks.

**Mezzanine level above the George Adams Gallery and throughout the Arts Centre**

#### **Sunday Soapbox – Visuals Artists Step Out: 23 July, 2pm**

Meet the artists as they compare their diverse cultural backgrounds and artistic sources at the first Sunday Soapbox for 2006. Sunday Soapbox continues with a different topic each week until 8 October visit [www.theartscentre.net.au](http://www.theartscentre.net.au) for the full program.

*the Arts Centre in association with Multicultural Arts Victoria presents as part of MIX IT UP*

#### **Meeting Place, Keeping Place**

**the Arts Centre**

**7 July – 8 October 2006**

**Free Admission / Open daily**

**Monday – Saturday:** Open 9am until late **Sunday:** Open 10am until after the last show

Visit [www.theartscentre.net.au/mixitup](http://www.theartscentre.net.au/mixitup) for more details about Sunday Soapbox and the music performances

**MIX IT UP! Celebrating cultural diversity**

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