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HARMONY AND DIVERSITY AT MANNINGHAM GALLERY

To celebrate upcoming 'Harmony Day' and 'Cultural Diversity Week', Manningham Gallery will present *Harmony and Diversity*, from 21 March to 7 April. The three-week exhibition will feature the extraordinary talent of some young Australian-Chinese artists including more than one hundred students from New Star Art School, aged between 4 and 18.

Artist, teacher and founder of the New Star Arts School in 1997, Yaping Jiang encouraged the children to express what they see, do and feel as bi-cultural Australians, through a series of workshops.

Jiang used her many years of experience working in China and Australia, to combine Western teaching methods with traditional Chinese techniques. Jiang encouraged students to express their creativity freely and said that working on the exhibition has greatly enhanced student's self-confidence, while contributing to cultural bridges linking the East and the West.

"Through the visual image, these young artists reveal their feelings and experiences growing up in multicultural Australia", said Jiang.

Yaping Jiang will also conduct a children's calligraphy workshop at Manningham Gallery on Saturday 31 March.

Harmony and Diversity is supported by Multicultural Arts Victoria and Manningham City Council's Community Grant Program.

For bookings and enquiries, call Manningham Gallery on (03) 9840 9367.

Manningham Gallery

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Tuesday to Friday 11am to 5pm and Saturday 2 to 5pm.
Admission is free. Wheelchair access. Free parking available.

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