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EARTH-Drawing on Nature - New Star Art School Exhibition 2010

17 March-10 April

Drawing on Nature will feature the extraordinary talent of young Australian-Chinese artists from New Star Art School at Manningham Gallery. More than one hundred and thirty students have been asked to explore and discover the beauty and fragility of nature through creative expression.

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

Jiang uses her many years of experience working in China and Australia, combined with Western teaching methods and traditional Chinese techniques. Jiang encourages students to express their creativity freely and feels that working on this exhibition has greatly enhanced students' self-confidence.

Connecting aspects of the East and the West, and connecting man's relationship to the environment are major themes in Jiang's teaching.

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

Manningham Mayor, Cr Charles Pick encourages residents to participate in this exhibition. "This is a great exhibition that many in the Manningham community will appreciate."

Yaping Jiang will also conduct a free drawing workshop for children at Manningham Gallery on Saturday 20 March at 2.30pm. For bookings and enquiries, call Manningham Gallery on (03) 9840 9367.

***Drawing on Nature* will be officially opened by Manningham Mayor, Cr Charles Pick, on Wednesday 17th March 2010 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Manningham Gallery, Manningham City Council Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Jill Morgan, CEO of Multicultural Arts Victoria will also speak at this event.**

Drawing on Nature is supported by Manningham City Council's Community Grant Program Multicultural Arts Victoria. and Victoria Multicultural Commission. Sponsored by IronFish Group and Newway Art & Gifts Gallery.

Exhibition dates: 17 March-10 April 2010
Opening hours: Tuesday – Friday, 11.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Admission is free.

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