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FROM THE EXOTIC TO THE



EVERYDAY

**gems from across the
islands of indonesia**

**Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery,
141 Queen Street, Melbourne**

Exhibition dates: Monday 13th

September to Friday 29th October 2010

Exhibition opening: Wednesday 15th September from 6:30pm

Education programs:

Saturday 25th September, 2-3pm:

Gamelan performance and talk on Masked Dance from Cirebon by Michael Ewing

Saturday 9th October, 2-3pm:

Talk on Indonesian Arts by Hugh O'Neill and David Mitchell.

This September and October, the newly formed **Museum of Indonesian Arts** will present their first full exhibit of arts and artefacts from across the archipelago.

Celebrating the rich and extremely diverse, artistic traditions of Indonesia, the 'From the Exotic to the Everyday' exhibit will include stunning hand-woven textiles, batik, wayang (puppets), dancers' masks, household items, jewellery, costumes and more.

This is the third exhibit presented in partnership by Multicultural Arts Victoria and the Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery. This ongoing partnership aims to build social cohesion and harmony by celebrating the rich cultural and artistic traditions of Victoria's many ethnic communities.

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The **Museum of Indonesian Arts** is a group of Melbourne based people with a long standing love of and connection with Indonesia. Its members are very active in the Indonesian-Australian community and associations and include **Dr Tuti Gunawan** (anthropologist, president of IKAWIRIA), **Dr David Mitchell** (psychiatrist and former Volunteer Graduate in Indonesia), special guest member **Dr Michael C Ewing** (Senior Lecturer, Asia Institute at the Univ. of Melb), **Hugh O'Neill** (previously lecturer in the School of Architecture at Melb Univ., previously President of the Australian Indonesian Association and Indonesian Arts Society and former Volunteer Graduate in Indonesia) and **Helen Anderson** (President of the Australian Indonesian Association).

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