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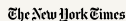
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REFIK ANADOL

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New media artist Refik Anadol has created a body of work that locates creativity at the intersection of humans and machines. His site-specific parametric data sculptures, live audio/visual performances and immersive installations take many forms, while encouraging us to rethink our engagement with the physical world, its temporal and spatial dimensions, and the creative potential of the machine. Commissioned by the NGV, *Quantum memories*, 2020, is Anadol's most technically and conceptually ambitious work to date. Anadol has drawn from artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning and quantum computing to create an ever-changing largescale immersive multimedia work. Harnessing a dataset of more than two hundred million nature-related images from publicly available internet resources, and processed using quantum computing with machine learning algorithms, Anadol's work uses the data to speculate an alternate dimension of the natural world as a complex cultural entity with memory. The first true quantum artwork created, Anadol's arresting visuals and accompanying audio are composed in collaboration with a generative algorithm enabled by AI. In taking the data that flows around us as his primary material and the neural network of a quantum mind as his collaborator, Anadol paints with a thinking brush, offering us radical visualisations of our digitised memories of the natural realm.

By representing the complexity of our collective memory in the largest digital artwork staged by the NGV, the artist encourages us to imagine the beginning of a quantum computerised mind and its immense potential for the future of art and design.

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NGV Triennial 2020 installation view of **Refik Anadol (designer); Refik Anadol Studio, Los Angeles (design studio)** *Quantum memories 2020*. Commissioned by the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Proposed acquisition with funds donated by Loti & Victor Smorgon Fund and Barry Janes and Paul Cross, 2020 © Refik Anadol. Photo: Tom Ross

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JEFF KOONS

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With a stated intention to 'communicate with the masses', Jeff Koons is one of the most influential and popular artists of his generation. *Venus*, 2016–20, is part of Koons's ongoing *Porcelain* series which juxtaposes classical ideals of beauty with sophisticated contemporary production technologies. The over life-size, mirror-polished stainless-steel sculpture is based on an eighteenth-century porcelain figurine of the same name by Wilhelm Christian Meyer.

Mirrors and reflection have long been a hallmark of Koons's work and he has cited his love for the intoxicating quality of the reflection and its resulting distortion, as well as its ability to implicate the viewer within the work. 'One of the most used words in philosophy is to "reflect". To reflect is an inward process, but also an outward process,' says Koons. 'The use of reflective surfaces was to connect the work to philosophy and the experience of becoming. And that we not only have our internal life, but we also have the external world – this interaction is what gives us a future. Reflections tell the viewer that nothing is ever happening without them. Art happens inside them.'

Koons is widely regarded for his diverse practice which holds a mirror up to contemporary culture. Using the photo realistic and commercial aesthetic familiar from an earlier generation of Pop artists, Koons has generated his own universally recognisable style that frequently comprises smooth, highly reflective surfaces and bright, saturated colours.

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ALICJA KWADE

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Alicja Kwade's work investigates concepts of space, time, science and philosophy, and takes shape in sculptural objects, public installations, video and photography. In Kwade's large-scale installation *WeltenLinie*, 2020, commissioned by the NGV, nothing is quite what it seems. Using double-sided mirrors and carefully placed, paired objects, the artist achieves the illusion of sudden and surprising material transformations. The mirror glass conceals part of one of the objects, yet at the same time completes it with the mirror image of the same part in the other. In this way a new, illusionary object is created through the overlaying of reality and appearance. As viewers move around and through Kwade's steel-framed hexagonal structure, the way one reads and understands the objects within it shifts dramatically, depending on perspective. *WeltenLinie* is more of an experience than a static installation, which comes to life through the viewers movement within the structure.

In her cross-media work, Kwade deals with perceptual structures and basic physical laws. Optical experiences and their deceptions characterise her creations, which regularly transgress and question habitual ways of perception.

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PORKY HEFER

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Plastocene – Marine Mutants from a Disposable World, 2020, is Porky Hefer's major new work consisting of a series of large-scale, handmade environments based on imaginary sea creatures from a dystopian future he calls the Plastocene. This collection, including a 14 m wide x 3.6 m high octopus constructed of giant hand-felted cigarette butts, is made with a community of artisans in and around Cape Town. Marking the end of the Anthropocene, our current fossil-fuelled epoch, Hefer's creatures remind us of plastic bags, straws, coffee cups, trash, and the discarded detritus of hyper-consumerism, convenience and environmental neglect. He speculates that in a distant future some species might transmutate, adapting to the endless abundance of plastics and pollutants flooded into nature. In a twist of evolutionary fate, Hefer imagines what would happen if refined hydrocarbon distillates from fossil fuels fused with organic DNA to generate a new type of life – transitional forms that exemplify the mutant fruits of our fossil-fuel era. The toxic future painted here is one that humans would struggle to inhabit. But at best, Hefer hopes that life continues in this new form, following the mass extinction that he sees us so selfishly perpetuating.

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DHAMBIT MUNUNGGURR

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Dhambit Mununggurr's immersive installation *Can we all have a happy life?*, 2019–20, is made up of fifteen large-scale bark paintings and nine larrakitj (hollow poles). The work was created at Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, a Yolŋu-owned art centre located in the small Aboriginal community of Yirrkala in Northeast Arnhem Land. It is customary for artists from this region, who paint Country and the stories it holds, to paint with ochres collected from the natural environment. Ochres and other pigments are ground against a flat stone, mixed with water and glue, then applied with a marwat (human hair brush) to single sheets of stringybark. In 2005 Mununggurr was given special permission to use acrylic paint, following a car accident that left her using a wheelchair and made it more challenging for her to manipulate natural pigments around a bark canvas. This significant concession has enabled Mununggurr to become the first artist at Buku to use the colour blue. Mununggurr is the daughter of two winners of the First Prize in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award: Mutitjpuu Mununggurr and Gulumbu Yunupirju. Following her car accident in 2005, Mununggurr has become prolific with her art-making. For many years, she worked as an independent artist constantly painting and selling, or giving away, her work. In her works for the NGV Triennial, Mununggurr used acrylic paint to overcome her inability to grind the ochres by hand. In 2018, working at Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, Mununggurr produced a large bark for inclusion in the Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA). Following the success of that work, she began painting at increasing scale, and in 2019 fell in love with the colour blue, which she has now settled on as the dominant palette for her work.

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TOMOAKI SUZUKI

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

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Tomoaki Suzuki is best known for his scaled-down, figurative sculptures, carved in wood and meticulously painted. All of his works are portraits of friends or acquaintances that he meets in his neighbourhood of Dalston, London.

The NGV Triennial features nine works by Tomoaki Suzuki made between 2009 and 2020. The most recent sculpture is *Marisa*, 2020, based on a Canadian citizen living in London. Just before lockdown was imposed in the UK in March 2020, Marisa left to join her family in Canada, so Suzuki had to finish the sculpture working remotely, with the model posing in front of a computer.

Over the past two decades, Suzuki has employed a unique approach to creating his hand-carved lime wood sculptures. The first stage is the selection of the model. The artist looks for young people who have a distinctive style and who use fashion to express their individuality. Once the model is identified, Suzuki takes hundreds of photographs and hours of videos. Next, he begins the process of sculpting the figure out of a piece of wood. This stage usually lasts for several months and involves many sessions from life, with the model posing in front of the artist in his studio. The final stage is painting the sculpture to capture the different textures and tones of clothing and skin. The figures are one third of the model's size, and when installed, they are positioned directly on the floor, encouraging an intimate interaction by the audience. Suzuki contrasts the traditional technique of carving a figure from life with contemporary fashion styles in a practice he describes as 'taking photographs through sculpture'. Suzuki moved from Japan to London in 1998 to study at Goldsmiths College and has exhibited internationally for the past twenty years. Recent solo exhibitions include the Art Institute of Chicago; the CAPC in Bordeaux; Museo de Arte SHCP, Mexico City; and Ushaw Gallery, Durham.

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NGV Triennial 2020 installation view of **Tomoaki Suzuki's** sculptures, Proposed acquisitions with funds donated by Neville and Diana Bertalli, Tim Fairfax AC and Gina Fairfax, Christopher Thomas AM and Cheryl Thomas, Janet Whiting AM and Phil Lukies and Family, Gwenneth Nancy Head Foundation, Lisa Ring and donors to the 2020 NGV Annual Appeal, 2020 © Courtesy of the artist and Corvi-Mora, London. Photo: Tom Ross

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JR

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FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | GROULLO EQUISET GARDEN

JR's *Homily to Country*, 2020, is an ambitious multi-part artwork that draws global attention to the ecological decline of the Darling River system caused by intensive water extraction due to irrigation, climate change and drought. Stimulated by an interest in the plight of farmers globally and the tensions that often exist between Indigenous peoples, 'family farms' and multinational agribusinesses, JR's work focuses on both the ecological and human impact of the river's decline.

Homily to Country comprises two key elements: a film combining portrait photography and documentary footage, plus footage of JR undertaking field research, and an architectural installation, envisaged as an open-air chapel in the NGV Grollo Equiset Garden, featuring a series of large-scale stained-glass windows depicting the super-sized portraits. Two of the portrait subjects are orchardists who have been forced to remove and burn their families' commercial orchards due to lack of irrigation flows, and the third is the senior Indigenous spokesperson for the Darling River (Baaka). In addition, two windows represent the Darling River's dying River Red Gums. Alongside this Australian project, a film by JR and director Alice Rohrwacher will be screened in the NGV Grollo Equiset Garden.

Omelia Contadina, 2020, focuses on Italian peasant farmers who recite a homily during a funeral re-enactment. The homily decries the loss of farming traditions and access to land as a consequence of intensive industrial agriculture (in this case Hazelnut). In the film, farmers and their family members carry supersized portraits of themselves (printed as huge banners) and bury these portraits into earthen graves excavated in the landscape. JR exhibits freely on the streets of the world, where he pastes huge portraits of anonymous people. Concealing his own identity and that of his subjects, JR leaves the space empty for an encounter between the artwork and the passer-by.

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MOJA MOJA LIFE: MISAKI KAWAI FOR KIDS

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | GROUND LEVEL

Artist Misaki Kawai presents *Moja Moja Life: Misaki Kawai for Kids*, an indoor playground featuring a display of colourful, furry sculptures of dogs and a puppet performance studio. With a love of mimetic word pairings spoken in the Japanese language, such as 'moja moja' (hairy), and an interest in children's creative play and making, Kawai shares her spontaneous and playful approach to creating art with the NGV's youngest visitors.

Central to the exhibition is Kawai's larger-than-life, hot pink, faux fur sculpture of a dog named Arty, which is surrounded by a display of other dogs, each sporting colourful coats made from different fluffy materials. Adjacent to the display is a set of theatre booths and a puppet performance activity. Here, children can make and record performances with a multimedia program and share their creations with friends and family via social media.

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World-renowned architect Kengo Kuma has collaborated with local artist Geoff Nees to respond to the philosophical nature of Korean artist Lee Ufan's painting *Dialogue*, 2017. Through the creation of a new architectural installation, a gallery-scale circular pavilion acts as a sensorial walkway through which to approach and contemplate Ufan's painting.

Made in the Japanese tradition of wooden architecture, where pieces interlock, held by tension and gravity, *Botanical pavilion*, 2020, features a tessellated interior lined with timber collected from trees felled or removed over several years at Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens. Some of the trees used within the architecture predate European colonisation, while others signal the development over decades of the Gardens marking their role as a site of scientific research and botanical classification.

Prioritising natural phenomena over scientific order, the species used for *Botanical pavilion* are colour coded, rather than following any taxonomic order. This approach offers a statement by the designers against the reductive nature of science during the colonial era – a mindset at odds with many Indigenous cultural beliefs and knowledge systems. *Botanical pavilion* offers a site for contemplation, reminding us of our relationships to nature and one another.

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MAKIKO RYUJIN & MICHAEL GITTINGS

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 1

Samsāra, 2020, is a lighting installation designed by Makiko Ryujin and Michael Gittings. The two-part work takes the form of a large blossoming tree and separate hanging canopy to embody the cyclical nature of our existence. The tree rises floor-to-ceiling from a textured steel trunk and opens into a canopy of branches fabricated by Gittings, which embraces the walls and ceiling of the Mezzanine gallery at NGV International. A series of charred timber light shades, hand turned and then burned by Ryujin, appear as a constellation of iridescent blooms. The shades are punctuated at the centre by the soft, warm light of hand-blown glass bulbs.

Samsāra continues the designers' exploration into themes of transience, brevity and perpetual change which emerged in their 2019 collaboration *Impermanence*. Transitioning from bud to full bloom, then declining to its frail state before it drops, the blossom captures a lifetime in a year. In this time of global uncertainty, their latest collaboration is nature writ small, encouraging us to reflect upon the cycles of life within and around us.

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FALLEN FRUIT

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 1

For the NGV Triennial, Fallen Fruit has created *Natural History*, 2020, an immersive installation featuring bespoke wallpaper, upon which are placed works selected from the NGV's collection. The work invites the viewer to reflect upon our history and the environment.

Comprising asynchronous repeat patterns of indigenous and introduced flora in the Australian landscape, the vibrantly coloured wallpaper wraps the NGV's sixteenth and seventeenth century gallery. The wall coverings feature photographs of birds, insects, plants, fruits and flowers and images drawn from the NGV Collection and others made by the artists during a research trip to Melbourne in early 2020. *Natural History* incorporates NGV paintings and sculpture that represent the natural world, colonialism, spirituality, religions and ancient mythologies.

Fallen Fruit is an art collaboration originally conceived in 2004 by David Burns, Matias Viegner and Austin Young. Since 2013, David Burns and Austin Young have continued the collaborative work. The duo explore participatory art practice, reflecting upon a broader, controversial global environmental movement involving contemporary art and public spaces. Often using everyday objects (like fruit trees or found objects) as an art making material, they have discovered that using things that are familiar is inextricably bound to identity, and a means for cultural rediscovery, invigorating the politics of both left and right and going far beyond the mundane.

The NGV warmly thanks Triennial Supporters Nicholas Perkins & Paul Banks for their support.

NGV Triennial 2020 installation view of **Fallen Fruit (artist collective); David Allen Burns (artist); Austin Young (artist)** *Naturalised plants (Royal Botanic Gardens)* 2020 from the *Natural History* series 2020, Commissioned by the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne; including works from the NGV's Collection. *Natural History* 2020 is supported by Nicholas Perkins and Paul Banks © Fallen Fruit. Photo: Sean Fennessey



FAYE TOOGOOD

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 2

Faye Toogood is a designer working across interior, furniture, sculpture, fashion, textile and object design. Her interdisciplinary practice is characterised by personal narrative, material experimentation and the reclamation of the interior and functional design as enduring contexts for creative exploration.

For the NGV Triennial, Toogood presents designs for furniture, lighting, scenography, sculpture and large-scale tapestries alongside seventeenth century works from the NGV Collection in a series of crafted spaces she has titled *Downtime: Daylight, Candle light, Moonlight*. Toogood plunges us deep into a period sensibility using her own innovative designs as a connecting device to the past.

Toogood sees her work as Gesamt-kunstwerk; a total work of art, whereby the interior – all works of art and design and their display – synthesise to deliver with full effect the experience and meaning of her presentation.

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DANIEL ARSHAM

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 2

Daniel Arsham's newly commissioned work, *Hidden figures*, 2020, comprises four human-scale figures drawn from two famed paintings in the NGV Collection: Giambattista Tiepolo's *The banquet of Cleopatra*, 1743–44, and Nicolas Régnier's *Hero and Leander*, c. 1625–26. The figures are holding the same poses found in the original paintings but appear draped in a white cloth. On closer inspection the 'cloth' is hollow, merely appearing to drape over a figure that's no longer contained within. Like Arsham's previous bodies of work, his use of the form of draped fabric articulates anonymous figures. In this instance the artist is subtly turning the audience's attention to issues of race and representation in the history of European painting. The sculptures are displayed alongside their original source paintings.

Falling clock, 2020, is a new commission that incorporates a large-scale clock, which can be used to tell the time and appears to fall into the white drapery on an otherwise featureless wall. The incorporation in the sculpture of a dissolution of the solid walls of the gallery, catching and cradling the precarious timepiece, symbolically suggests a destabilisation of all that is solid around us.

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CERITH WYN EVANS

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

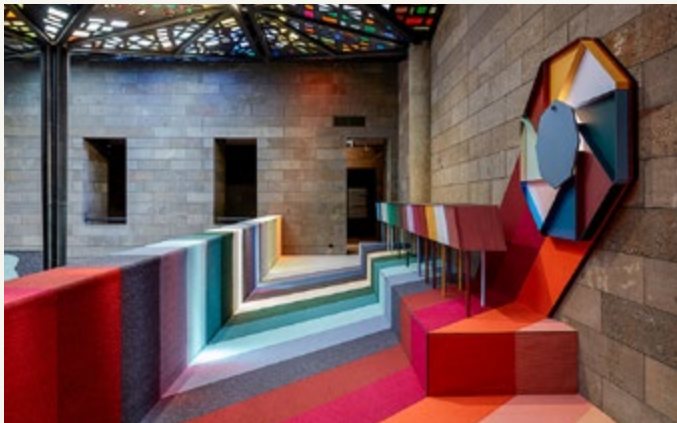
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Cerith Wyn Evans's conceptual practice incorporates a wide range of media. Often exploring the relation between light, text, thought and meaning, he constructs situations that are conscious of a viewer's presence. For his early film and video works, Wyn Evans frequently collaborated with performers to create 'expanded cinema' environments. Since the 1990s he has explored the relationship between language, space, temporality and the interrogation of perception, characterised by formal precision and clarity often developed in relation to a particular exhibition site.

C=O=D=A, 2019–20, unfolds as a drawing in light, suspended in space. The work is regarded by the artist as a culmination of his suite of large neon 'drawings' that have explored the legacy of Japanese Noh Theatre. Comprising multiple elements, some busy and scribble-like, others diagrammatic – including references to the structural formulae for chemical compounds – the light sculpture invites visitors to consider the relationships of each form to the next, as they move around the work and alter their perspectives. The work punctuates the visitor's field of vision with rapid vectors, loops, straight lines, curves and complex geometric forms lit up in white neon. It is possible to follow the intersections of the work with the eye, but the way is so intricate that it becomes impossible to take it in at a glance. The viewer finds themselves caught inside an endless loop or continuous circuit. Each section appears to continue along its trajectory and prolong its end, as if the neon gas imprisoned inside the rods of transparent glass were set free and released from the forms that constrain it. This may be a restriction but it is also a necessary device that allows us to see the work.

The NGV warmly thanks Triennial Champion The Felton Bequest for generously commissioning and gifting this significant sculpture.



DANIELLE BRUSTMAN

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 2

Danielle Brustman is a designer working with a rich syntax of colour to conceive interiors and furniture that challenge our perception of private and public space. Brustman's installation for the NGV Triennial uses interior design strategies to explore colour's ability to affect our perception and experience of space.

Brustman's adept use of hue and chroma is realised in bands of coloured carpet applied to floors, balustrades and interior fixtures under the rainbow canopy of Leonard French's cut-glass ceiling in the NGV's Great Hall. Brustman takes inspiration from the Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier's colour theory espoused in his 1930 essay 'Architectural polychromy', and accompanying colour tool known as the colour keyboards (*Clavier de couleurs*).

Comprised of harmonic and discordant colour combinations, Brustman's installation deploys a colourful schema across interior surfaces, making connections with the complexion of the building and artworks on display. Incorporating Brustman's five- metre-long modular *Chromatic fantastic cabinet*, 2020, and *Chromatic fantastic wall light*, 2020, the installation *Coloured in* explores the functional and affective qualities of colour to shine light on its omnipresent role in shaping human experience.



ANGELA TIATIA

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 2

Angela Tiatia is a New Zealand-born artist of Samoan-Australian heritage. She explores contemporary culture, drawing attention to its relationship to representation, gender, neo-colonialism and the commodification of the body and place, often through the lenses of history and popular culture.

Narcissus, 2019, reimagines the ancient Greco-Roman myth of Narcissus in which a beautiful young man falls in love with his own image reflected in a pool. Drawing on sources including the painting *Narcissus*, 1597–99, by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio and Mat Collishaw's photograph *Narcissus*, 1990, Tiatia's *Narcissus* carries this enduring myth into contemporary times, reflecting on global selfie culture fuelled through social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, which are saturated with images of the self.

In Tiatia's video, a cast of forty Narcissi occupies a single platform in various acts of self-worship, ritual, joy, love, lust, complacency, despair and disregard in a single moment of shared time. Here, vulnerabilities, frustrations, flaws and strengths are shown as a collective effect, where various acts and emotions highlight and amplify uncertain and challenging times ahead.

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TOMO KOIZUMI

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 3

Look 27, top and skirt is an ensemble from Tomo Koizumi's critically acclaimed first collection, presented at New York Fashion Week in February 2019. Characteristic of his practice, the work is maximalist in scale and uses metres of vibrantly coloured Japanese organza fabric, first formed into ruffles and then machine-stitched together to create the garment. On average, each garment uses between fifty and eighty metres of material. The polychromatic sensibility is also a direct consequence of the limited quantities of organza available to Koizumi. Choosing to work within this particular set of design constraints is a strategy that the designer believes will consistently push him to create something new. *Look 27* embodies Koizumi's exuberant aesthetic, the rainbow-hued ruffles expressive of his stated intention to make fashion that radiates 'pure joy and beauty'.

Koizumi is an emerging Japanese fashion designer who became the breakout star of the autumn–winter 2019 fashion season. Previously working as a costume designer in Tokyo, with his own brand since 2011, Koizumi captured worldwide attention after one of his customised ruffled ensembles was worn by Lady Gaga in 2016. In 2018 he gained further prominence via Instagram, when his work was brought to the attention of influential English stylist Katie Grand, who helped to orchestrate the presentation of his debut collection at New York Fashion Week in February 2019.

The NGV warmly thanks Triennial Major Supporters Krystyna Campbell-Pretty AM & Family, Triennial Supporters Tania & Sam Brougham, Tommy Hilfiger Australia, PVH Brands, Triennial Circle donors Rob Gould and SIRAP Art Collective as well as donors to the 2020 NGV Annual Appeal for their support.

NGV Triennial 2020 installation view of **Tomo Koizumi, Tokyo (fashion house); Tomo Koizumi (designer) *Look 27, top and skirt*** designed 2019, made 2020, autumn–winter 2019, Proposed acquisition with funds donated by Krystyna Campbell-Pretty AM and Family, Tania and Sam Brougham, Tommy Hilfiger Australia, PVH Brands, Rob Gould, SIRAP Art Collective and donors to the 2020 NGV Annual Appeal, 2020 © Tomo Koizumi. Photo: Sean Fennessy



HANNAH BRONTË

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

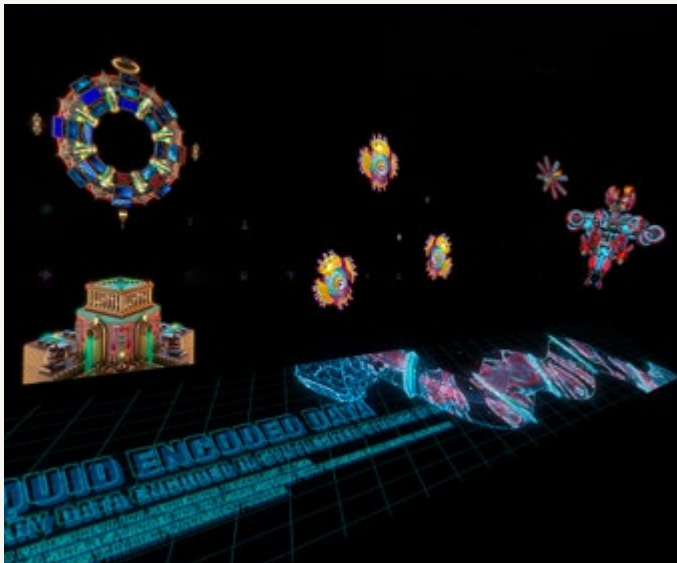
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Hannah Brontë is a visual artist whose music videos, banners and large-scale installations explore the role of Indigenous/Blak women through recurring themes of resilience, matriarchy and power. Influenced by her work as a DJ and her fascination with the spoken word, Brontë is conscious of intertwining the knowledge of her ancestors within each work she creates. Brontë has recently drawn on holistic, spiritual and physical healers as consultants for her work, which led her to becoming a doula. She has also been unpacking intergenerational spiritual knowledge, which marks the beginning of a new direction within her practice.

Brontë's video installation *EYE HEAR U MAGIK*, 2020, explores how ancestral intuition has been passed down through Indigenous women in the wake of colonisation. She uses music and film to unblock intuitive beliefs and tune into a deep sense of knowing, which she refers to by many names including 'the knowing', 'the cunning' and 'illpunja'. Offering a foreboding sense of the future, the work explores the ways in which Brontë's culture and spirituality have been and continue to be appropriated. It is Brontë's most ambitious video to date and her first commission by the NGV.

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TABOR ROBAK

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 3

Tabor Robak's work examines the relationship between humanity, nature and technology, often blurring the lines of the real and artificial. *Megafauna*, 2020, is a new work by Robak, which takes the form of an encompassing installation. Commissioned and acquired for the NGV Collection, *Megafauna* includes a group of computer-generated animations that surround the viewer on video screens and projections. These highly detailed digital sculptures – called Magi – glow in the darkened space. Animated forms – part-organic, part-machine – move constantly on the screens of the Magi and recall the technologies that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is most likely to emerge from: geoimaging and cartography, military science and weaponisation, banking and healthcare. On the floor a digital projection responds to the movements of people in the space.

The imagery in *Megafauna* is visually derived from micro-biology, advanced robotics, data storage, and sacred iconography. The installation, lit by the light of these numerous digital images, feels like a sacred space or a monument. *Megafauna* is about the mythology of AI and advanced technology and explores the ethical and philosophical implications of our relationship with technology.

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NGV Triennial 2020 installation view of **Tabor Robak's** *Megafauna* 2020
Commissioned by the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Proposed acquisition
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NARI WARD

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 3

Nari Ward combines politics and historical references with personal identity, creating work that is unifying and humanistic at a time of extreme division worldwide. He is known for his sculptural installations composed of discarded material found and collected in his neighbourhood. Ward has repurposed objects such as baby strollers, shopping carts, bottles, doors, television sets, cash registers and shoelaces, among other materials. He re-contextualises these found objects in thought-provoking juxtapositions that create complex, metaphorical meanings to confront social and political issues surrounding race, poverty and consumer culture. Ward intentionally leaves the meaning of his work open, allowing others to provide their own interpretation.

Last words of John Brown (red version), 2018, is from the artist's series of text-based shoelace installations that investigate how art-making and activism overlap. For each shoelace installation, Ward questions and challenges cultural and societal power structures. For the artist, who ascribes a certain amount of animism to his materials, the shoelaces make general reference to an anonymous mass of people through their ubiquitous universal use. The work is composed entirely of sneaker shoelaces that spell out the phrase 'This is a beautiful country', cited as the last words of John Brown, an abolitionist who was put to death in 1859 for his use of violence in fighting for the freedom of black slaves. The work calls attention to American history as well as to contemporary issues surrounding race, identity and politics.

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Nari Ward

Last words of John Brown (red version) 2018

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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STEVEN RHALL

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 3

Steven Rhall's installation *Air dancer as black body*, 2018, is made up of a nylon inflatable air dancer, sensor activated fan and spotlight. Audiences approach a darkened room and, upon triggering the sensor, activate a spotlight and fan, which inflates the air dancer with a loud and violent burst of action. Drawing attention to the history of violence against black bodies, the work is a commentary on how non-white bodies appear in Eurocentric frameworks of art and culture. In addition, the work explores the human conditions of fear, loneliness and isolation, which feel more relevant than ever in 2020.

Taungurong artist Steven Rhall describes himself as a 'post conceptual artist operating from a First Nation, white-passing, cis-male positionality'. His interdisciplinary practice responds to the intersectionality of First Nation art practice and the Western art canon. Rhall is interested in interrogating modes of representation, classification and hierarchy through formats including installation, performance, sculpture, curatorial practice and public/private interventions.

Steven Rhall

Air dancer as black body 2018

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Purchased, Victorian Foundation for Living Australian Artists, 2019

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PIRJO HAIKOLA

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 3

From Port Philip Bay to Tasmania and Northern California, lush kelp forests thriving in cold, nutrient-rich waters offer one of the ocean's most bio-diverse ecosystems. They are crucial for a healthy planet, but these ecosystems are out of balance. Rising ocean temperatures and excess nutrient levels coupled with reduced numbers of predators are causing an explosion in sea urchin populations. Sea urchins primarily eat seaweed and when their populations explode into the millions, they are capable of reducing kelp forests and seaweed habitats to wastelands called barrens.

Combining her skills as a designer, researcher and scuba-diving instructor, Dr Pirjo Haikola is developing a use for sea urchins as a new material that is currently being tested for its unique properties. The *Urchin corals* in her NGV Triennial installation are 3D-printed coral structures made from the shells and spikes of the purple sea urchin (*Heliocidaris erythrogramma*) and the black sea urchin (*Centrostephanus rodgersii*) mixed with bio-polymers. An accompanying film shows footage of Haikola collecting urchins for the project in Melbourne's Port Philip Bay, where an ecological crisis caused by urchins is silently unfolding today.

The NGV warmly thanks Triennial Supporters Brendan & Grace O'Brien for their support.

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NGV Triennial 2020 installation view of **Pirjo Haikola** *Urchin Corals* 2020, Commissioned by the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Proposed acquisition with funds donated by Brendan and Grace O'Brien, 2020
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TALIN HAZBAR

UNTIL 18 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 3

Talin Hazbar works across architecture, design and art to connect with surrounding landscapes and the intricate materiality of the natural world. Through her research-based study of architecture, she uses material experimentation to better understand the context of landscapes, material properties and organic processes so that they may be both sensitively and functionally applied in creative practice.

Accretions #1–5, 2020, presents a series of five evocative light works, literally grown in the waters off the coast of Dubai and Sharjah. The designer's practice questions our understanding of, and relationship to, nature and its systems. *Accretions #1–5* continues Hazbar's enquiry into the capacity of the earth's oceans to nurture life and organic processes capable of creating ornament, structure and form.

Drawing on the natural systems of the ocean, where calcium accumulation and accretion is commonplace, Hazbar repeatedly submerges hand-forged steel armatures to encourage the growth of molluscs, crustaceans and corals. The calcium carbonate structures these life forms construct on the surface of the armature transform it into an ornate light shade. Through this process, each shade becomes a specimen of the specific ecologies, conditions and life forms that inhabit the area of submersion. In relinquishing control of this phase of production to natural processes, Hazbar offers an example of how, through respect and understanding of natural forces and systems, designers can work collaboratively with nature to grow structures and produce materials of great functionality and unique beauty.

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UNTIL 18 APR

12 – 5pm

Make the most of your weekends while sitting back and experiencing the best of Melbourne music in the NGV Garden.

SAT 6 MAR

12 – 1pm Jess Locke

1.30 – 5pm Danny Hotep (DJ Set)

SUN 7 MAR

12 – 1pm Tide

1.30 – 5pm Foura (DJ Set)

SAT 13 MAR

12 – 1pm Audrey Powne

1.30 – 5pm Hans DC (DJ Set)

SUN 14 MAR

12 – 2.30pm Sean Deans (DJ Set)

2.30 – 5pm Soju Gang (DJ Set)

SAT 20 MAR

12 – 1pm Freedom Fly X Phillip Thomas

1.30 – 5pm Jade Zoe (DJ Set)

SUN 21 MAR

12 – 2.30pm Dunc (DJ Set)

2.30 – 5pm Kaira Curvée (DJ Set)

SAT 27 MAR

12 – 1pm Louise Goh

1.30 – 5pm IN2STELLAR (DJ Set)

SUN 28 MAR

12 – 2.30pm Soju Gang (DJ Set)

2.30 – 5pm Greg Sher (DJ Set)

SAT 3 APR

12 – 1pm Cleopold

1.30 – 5pm David Smiley (DJ Set)

SUN 4 APR

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2.30 – 5pm Jake Judd (DJ Set)

SAT 10 APR

12 – 1pm The Stroppies

1.30 – 2.30pm Eliza Hull

3 – 5pm Cong Josie (DJ Set)

SUN 11 APR

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17 & 18 APR

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JAPANESE DESIGN: NEOLITHIC TO NOW

UNTIL 1 AUGUST 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 1

Throughout the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, Japan has been admired globally for its unique artistic traditions and sophisticated design.

This NGV Collection exhibition spans more than four thousand years and features Neolithic ceramics, Buddhist sculpture, Zen painting, minimalist medieval furniture, golden screens, theatre costumes, woven bamboo works, exquisitely decorated porcelain and recent creations by leading contemporary designers.

Japanese

Noh theatre robe, Atsuta

(*Nōshōzoku Atsuta* 能装束厚板)

late 18th century – early 19th century

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Felton Bequest in honour of Allan Myers AO

President of the Council of Trustees of the NGV, 2012



SPECTRUM: AN EXPLORATION OF COLOUR

UNTIL 29 AUGUST 2021

FREE ENTRY

NGV INTERNATIONAL | LEVEL 2

Taking the magnificent sparkling cut-glass ceiling of the Great Hall as the inspiration for the colour palette, *Spectrum* explores and celebrates colour through the NGV Collection, from antiquity to the present. The exhibition investigates the history and artistic use of twelve different colours, from exotic origins and trade, to manufacture and symbolism across time and culture. The display features samples of materials and pigments used to create colours such as lapis lazuli and Indian Yellow – an intensely-coloured pigment extracted from the urine of cows fed on mango leaves – and looks closely at artist's paints and the raw pigments used to produce them, including oil paint used in the NGV's jewel-like fifteenth-century Flemish *Virgin and Child*, watercolours in eighteenth-century Indian miniatures, and the pastels used in eighteenth-century works.

Peter Tully

Early flight attendants vest 1990

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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SHE-OAK AND SUNLIGHT: AUSTRALIAN IMPRESSIONISM

2 APRIL – 22 AUGUST

THE IAN POTTER CENTRE: NGV AUSTRALIA | GROUND LEVEL

She-Oak and Sunlight: Australian Impressionism is a major exhibition of more than 250 works drawn from public and private collections around Australia, including the NGV Collection. The expansive exhibition showcases the multiple facets of this much-loved movement, from the renowned *9 by 5 Impression Exhibition* and the Heidelberg group of painters, to artists working in Europe at the turn of the century, inspired by James Abbott McNeill Whistler and Claude Monet. *She-Oak and Sunlight: Australian Impressionism* will provide audiences with new insights into the influential relationships, friendships and career-shaping moments of key artists in the movement including Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Jane Sutherland, Charles Conder, Frederick McCubbin, Clara Southern, and many of their artistic friends and associates.

The importance of place is central to the exhibition, which explores how artists' responses to different landscapes shaped the evolution of Impressionism in Australia. *She-Oak and Sunlight: Australian Impressionism* features many of the movement's most recognisable paintings, such as Arthur Streeton's *The purple noon's transparent night*, 1896; Tom Roberts's *Shearing the rams*, 1890; and Frederick McCubbin's *The pioneer*, 1904. The NGV's recent major acquisitions will be on display, including Tom Roberts's *She-oak and sunlight*, 1889, first exhibited in the *9 by 5 Impression Exhibition* and acquired by the NGV in 2019, and the luminous *Young girl, Étaples*, c. 1892, by Iso Rae, acquired in 2020. The exhibition will also highlight other newly acquired works by under-recognised artists, including May Vale and Ina Gregory, whose significance is only now coming to be appreciated.

Tom Roberts

She-oak and sunlight 1889 (detail)

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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Child*	\$8	NGV Member Adult	\$21
Concession	\$24	NGV Member Family*	\$45

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Federick McCubbin *The shore (Moyes Bay, Beaumaris)* 1887 (detail)

State Art Collection, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth

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TOP ARTS 2021

26 MARCH – 11 JULY 2021

FREE ENTRY

THE IAN POTTER CENTRE: NGV AUSTRALIA |
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An annual favourite on the NGV exhibition calendar, *Top Arts 2021* showcases the exceptional work of students who have completed Art or Studio Arts as part of their Victorian Certificate of Education in an extraordinary year. Comprising work selected from applicants across Victoria, the exhibition encompasses a range of media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, digital and mixed media.

Top Arts 2021 celebrates the outstanding abilities and the diverse concerns of our newest emerging talents and is certain to provide inspiration to visitors of all ages. The exhibition includes further online opportunities to view selected developmental folios and to hear from current exhibitors about their inspiration, ideas and practices.

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Sophie Yang

Imagine How Much More You Could Be (detail)

Yarra Valley Grammar, Ringwood

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IVAN DURRANT: BARRIER DRAW

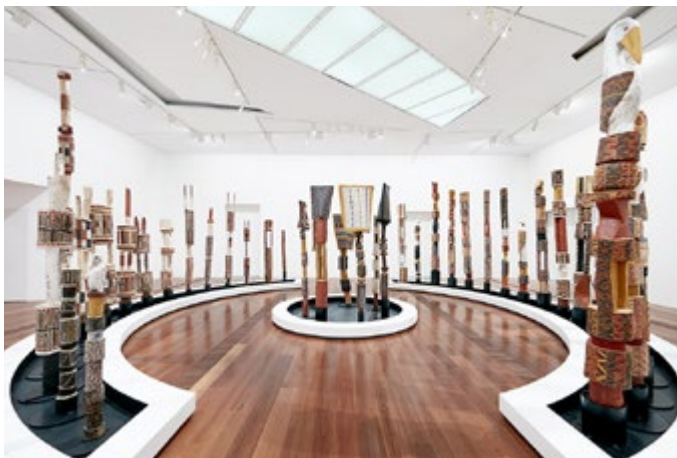
UNTIL 25 APRIL 2021

FREE ENTRY

THE IAN POTTER CENTRE: NGV AUSTRALIA | LEVEL 3

Described as the *enfant terrible* of Australian art, Ivan Durrant has produced a remarkable body of work across a career that spans close to five decades. His most recent paintings have been dubbed 'supraphotolism', a term coined to describe a style of working that goes beyond 'super-realism' or photorealism's accurate mimicking of the photograph.

Ivan Durrant: Barrier Draw traces the evolution of Durrant's extraordinarily diverse artistic career. It includes his earliest folk paintings; the realist paintings and sculptures of the 1970s and 80s; his controversial and politically motivated performance works – through to his evocative 'soft-focus' shed, football and racing paintings of the 1990s and 2000s. In addition to existing works, Durrant has produced a new astonishingly larger-than-life sculpture for the exhibition.



TIWI

UNTIL 8 MARCH 2021

FREE ENTRY

THE IAN POTTER CENTRE: NGV AUSTRALIA | LEVEL 3

Tiwi art occupies a continuum. Like a tree, it continues to change and grow, drawing sustenance from its cultural roots.

The largest exhibition of Tiwi art ever presented, *TIWI* celebrates the unique art and culture of the Tiwi people of Melville and Bathurst Islands and explores the dynamic trajectory of Tiwi art across time and across media, from 1911 to now. Tiwi art is intimately connected with song and dance and with jilamara, the painted designs with which performers celebrate kulama (coming of age) ceremonies and conceal their identity from mapurtiti (spirits of the deceased) in pukumani (mourning) ceremonies.

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BIG WEATHER

12 MARCH – 6 FEBRUARY 2022

FREE ENTRY

THE IAN POTTER CENTRE: NGV AUSTRALIA | LEVEL 3

Big Weather is a timely exhibition that recognises the sophisticated appreciation of weather systems that exists within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural knowledge. Bringing together a significant selection of works drawn from the NGV Indigenous Collection, *Big Weather* shares stories that illustrate how landscapes were formed and sacred waterways are refreshed and refilled.

The exhibition features momentous works including *Thunderman raining down* by Yolngu artist Nonggirnga Marawilli and *Rockholes and Country near Kata Tjuta* by Pitjantjatjarra artist Bill Whiskey alongside works that explore the impact of climate change on Country with a newly acquired work by Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens which responds to the recent destructive bushfires and a series of photographs showing the flooding of Barkindji Country by Nici Cumpston.

We are at a moment in our history that requires us all to recognise Indigenous cultural leadership and knowledge as fundamental to navigating the climate challenges upon us. With an unbroken connection across time, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have an intimate understanding of the land that has been handed down over generations and has been recorded through song, dance and art. *Big Weather* brings together works by artists from diverse Indigenous communities with many presenting unique interpretations of ancestral spirit beings who summon the rain, hail and seasonal storms that feed into our rivers, revive the landscape and nourish wildlife.

Michael Riley

Untitled (cow) 2000
from the *Cloud* series

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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LOUISE ZHANG

UNTIL AUGUST 2021

FREE ENTRY

IAN POTTER CENTRE: NGV AUSTRALIA | LEVEL 2

Chinese-Australian artist Louise Zhang uses painting, sculpture and installation to explore a range of personal and cultural influences, including the religious background to her family upbringing and traditional Chinese symbolism.

Zhang, who lives and works in Sydney, grew up in a Christian family. Her painting *You are forgiven (Lotus)*, 2020, features the symbolism of the lotus flower, which is associated with purity, rebirth and enlightenment in many Eastern religions. The text in the painting reads, 'I forgive you/you are forgiven' and references Zhang's exploration of the notion of sin in relation to her religious upbringing. The work exemplifies Zhang's methodology of researching cultural symbols and motifs as a way to explore her personal anxieties and experiences of navigating the world as, in her words, a 'third culture kid'. In *Devil's lion*, 2019, she also references a particular story from the Bible that haunted her as a child, where the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

The NGV warmly thanks Jo Horgan and Mecca Brands for supporting the acquisition of these works.

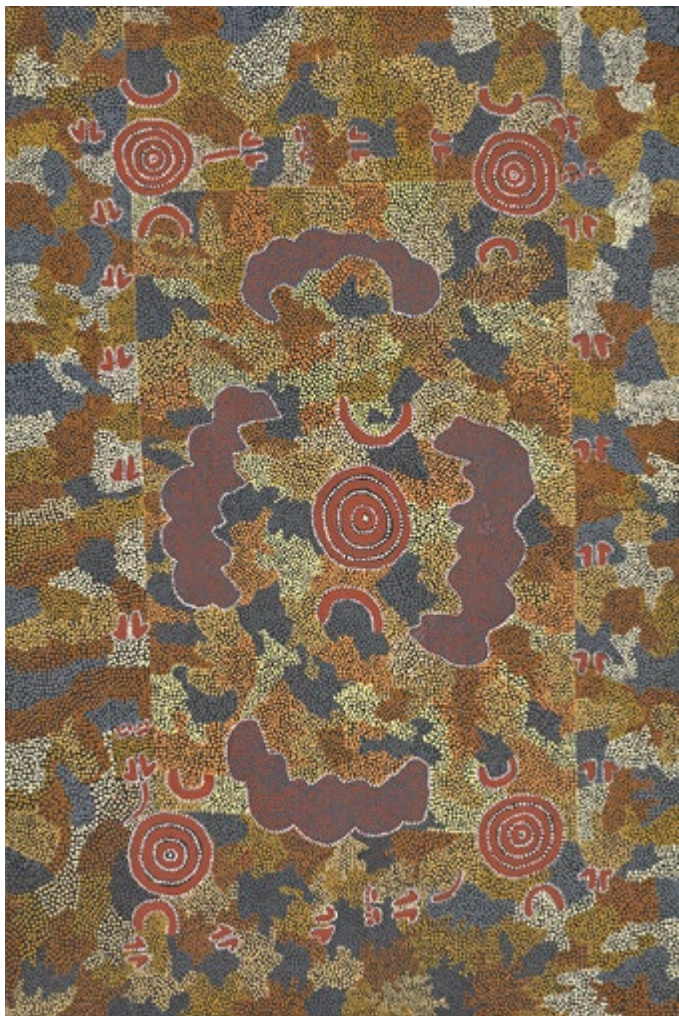
Louise Zhang

You are forgiven (Lotus) 2020 (detail)

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THE IAN POTTER CENTRE: NGV AUSTRALIA | LEVEL 2

In May 2004, Dr Joseph Brown AO OBE donated a major part of his incomparable collection of Australian art to the National Gallery of Victoria – the most generous single gift of artworks ever made to a public gallery in Australia.

Paddy Japaljarri Stewart

Marlu Jukurrpa, (Kangaroo Dreaming) 1987

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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Florence Fuller

Paper boy 1888 (detail)

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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RELAX

The Great Hall and Grollo Equiset Garden at NGV International are great places for children to roam, relax and stretch their legs.

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ONLINE COURSE STARTS MON 1 MAR

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GALLERY KITCHEN

10AM–5PM
NGV INTERNATIONAL |
GROUND LEVEL

Gallery Kitchen serves a range of refreshments and light meals and features specials of the day.

TEA ROOM

10AM–5PM
NGV INTERNATIONAL |
LEVEL 1

Tea Room offers a modern interpretation of a timeless tradition. Macarons, éclairs, cakes and savouries, all handmade by a team of pastry chefs. Bookings available on the NGV website.

GROLLO EQUISET GARDEN

10AM–5PM UNTIL 18 APRIL
NGV INTERNATIONAL

Indulge with a cocktail and dine on our fresh summer menu from our outdoor pop-ups.

CROSSBAR CAFE

10AM–5PM
NGV AUSTRALIA | LEVEL 3

Crossbar Café provides a modern and bright space for you to take a break during your visit to the NGV. A view of the Yarra River complements the light snacks, coffee and beverages on offer.

GARDEN RESTAURANT

11AM–4PM
NGV INTERNATIONAL |
GROUND LEVEL

Overlooking the tranquil NGV Garden, moat and sculptures, this elegant oasis is nestled right at the heart of the NGV. With dramatic windows and bathing in natural light, the restaurant setting is relaxed and elegant.

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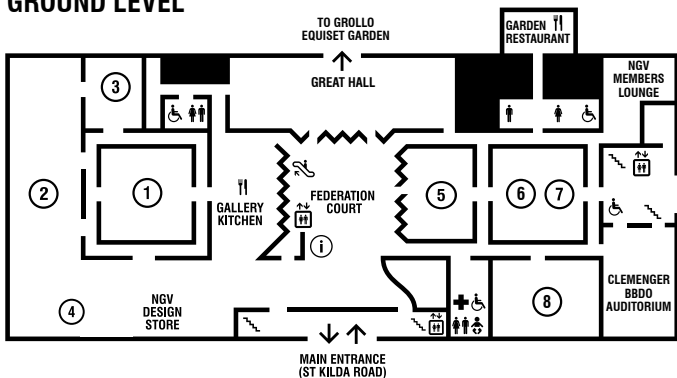


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Shop the exciting collection of NGV Triennial
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NGV INTERNATIONAL

GROUND LEVEL



1 – 8 NGV Triennial begins on Ground Level and includes Federation Court, Great Hall, Gallery Kitchen and Grollo Equiset Garden

8 Moja Moja Life: Misaki Kawai for Kids

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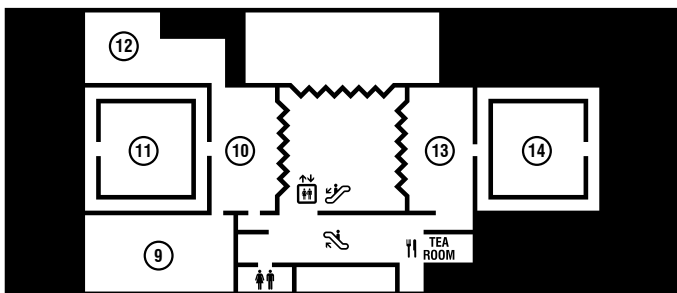
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LEVEL 1



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10 India, South & South-East Asia

12 Japanese Design: Neolithic to Now

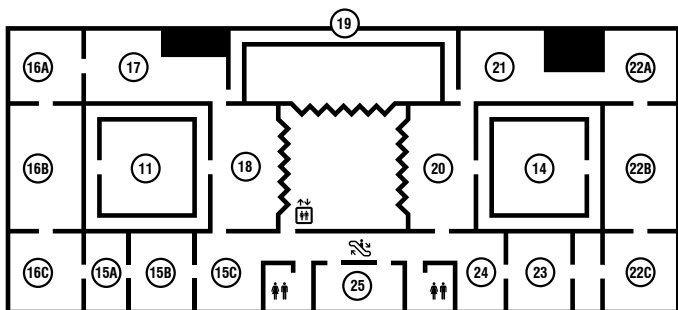
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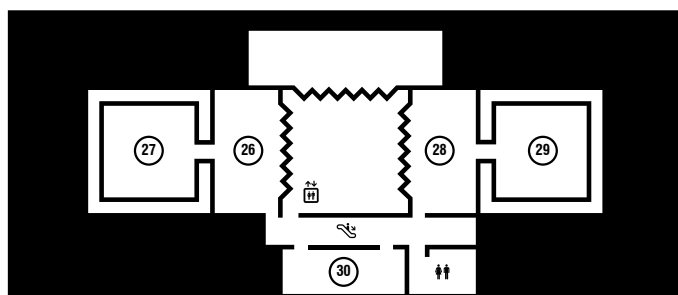
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- 25** Mesoamerica, Egypt, Cyprus & the Near East 3500 BCE – 16th Century and NGV Triennial

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LEVEL 3



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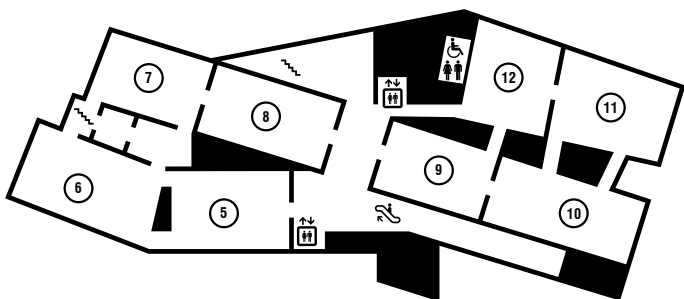
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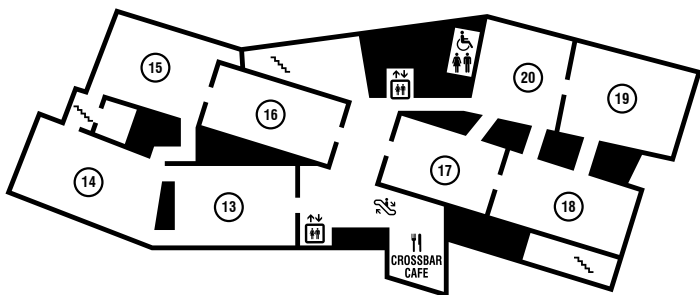


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- 5 6** 19th Century Australian Art
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- 9 10** The Joseph Brown Collection
- 11 12** 20th–21st Century Australian Art

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- 13 14** Big Weather, 12 March 2021 – 6 February 2022
- 15 16** Ivan Durrant: Barrier Draw, until 25 April
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