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National Photographic Portrait Prize 2010 touring to Mosman Art Gallery 5 February – 20 March

Mosman Art Gallery is pleased to present the National Photographic Portrait Prize 2010 which is currently on tour from the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra. The exhibition features the work of forty-three finalists whose photographs reflect the distinctive vision of Australia's aspiring and professional portrait photographers and the unique nature of their subjects. The exhibition includes well known identities such as Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, Paul Capsis and Brandon Walters as well as many other unidentified and intriguing models chosen by the photographers.

According to National Portrait Gallery Curator Dr Christopher Chapman, many of the portraits in this third Photographic Portrait Prize evoke moments of defining self realization and powerful self awareness. Photographic portraiture is the most dominant medium for portraits of our time and has the ability to communicate with both immediacy and subtlety the range of human experience and self identity.

The winner of the \$25,000 2010 Prize was Scott Bycroft for his work titled *Zareth*. The subject Zareth Long, an Aboriginal student in Perth, "projects an uncompromising gaze, drawing us physically closer, to then explore the razor-sharp photographic depiction.... It is an unquestionably compelling portrait that is a strong and positive representation of youth" Chapman said.

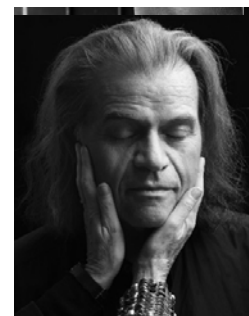
Visitors to the Mosman Art Gallery will have the opportunity to hear from other selected photographers in a series of illustrated Sunday talks. The photographers' subjects range from the familiar such as actor Paul Capsis, Gap hero Don Ritchie and arts duo Brian and Gene Sherman to the more anonymous subjects of young musicians, sunbakers and friends.

The exhibition will be opened on Friday 4 February at 6.30pm by the new Director of the National Portrait Gallery Louise Doyle.

Please note all information is correct at time of release



Scott Bycroft, *Zareth*



Gary Grealy, *Brian and Gene*



Hamish Gregory, *Sisters Baking*

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National Photographic Portrait Prize Public Programs

In context: Photographing people and their stories

Sunday 20 February 2.00pm

Photographers, Diego Ibanez, Hamish Gregory and Sahlan Hayes discuss their selected photographs and work which reveal the stories behind the images of a young musician, sunbaking sisters and Gap hero Don Ritchie.

Free. Afternoon tea included. RSVP www.mosmanartgallery.org.au



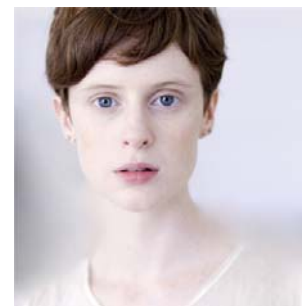
Sahlan Hayes, *Angel of the Gap*

Close up: The celebrity and personal portrait

Sunday 6 March 2.00pm

Photographers, Michael Corridore, Gary Grealy, Zorica Purlija and Vittoria Dussoni discuss their selected images and approach to photographing famous sitters such as Paul Capsis and arts duo Brian and Gene Sherman to capturing and commissioning unique subjects with special qualities.

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Zorica Purlija, *Lisa*

Free exhibition tours with the Gallery Guides

Saturday 5 February and Saturday 5 March 11.00am

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