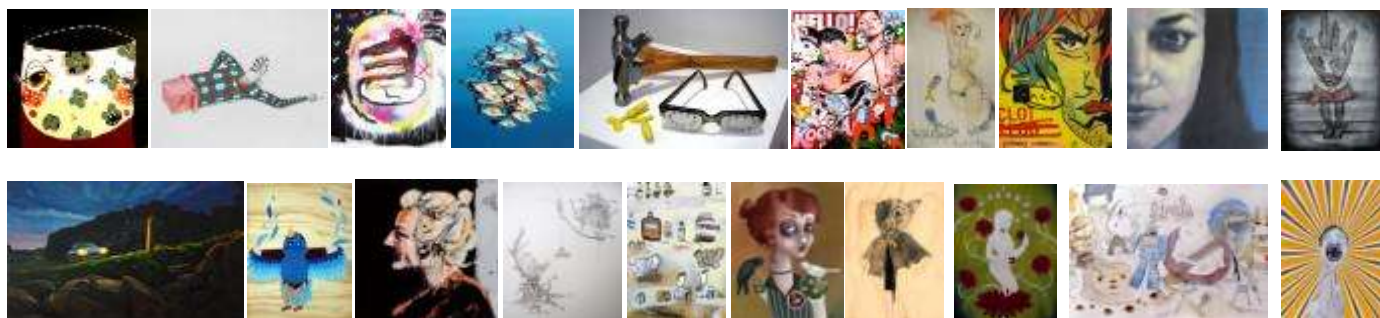


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ARE YOU IN THE MOOD FOR ART?

19 KAREN Gallery Directors Mariam Arcilla and Terri Lew are excited to start 2010 with an outstanding curated group show '19 Mood Swings', showcasing over 70 works that explore the playful complexities of mood and emotion. The show features 20 emerging Australian artists and opens Saturday 20th February at 19 KAREN Contemporary Artspace on the Gold Coast.



Among the artists exhibiting in *19 Mood Swings* are controversial Sydney artist **Ben Frost**, who was recently featured in the Australian TV version of *The Apprentice*, **Sonya G. Peters** a Gold Coast artist, who is a recipient of the *Philip Bacon Recommendation prize*, Melbourne artist **Ghost Patrol**, whose works were featured in last year's *Artscape on ABC TV*, and Sydney's **Laura Jones**, who was hailed by Deborah Edwards, Senior Curator at Australian Gallery of NSW, as a "sophisticated colourist" with "technical prowess" and "capacity to engender mood and character in the portrait form." This show also marks the first time **Jessica Charlotte**, **Kareena Zerefos**, **Ghost Patrol** and **Seamus Heidenreich** will be exhibiting in Queensland.

A strong underlying theme of melancholy and poignancy is evident in these artists works. For instance, **Laura Jones'** paintings depict the decisions made by her "isolation and transition," while **Ben Sheers'** so-called "nocturnal paintings" remind us of those Hitchcockian-like "claustrophobic compositions."

Mariam Arcilla says, "Interestingly, most artists also chose to represent aspects of their emotions through human-animal hybrids. You see quarrelling wolves, restless dogs, people in bird suits, and bat masks donned by children and women. It's a classic shift of mood, patterns and transformation – in a sense, very mood swingy!"

19 Mood Swings opens at 19 KAREN Contemporary Artspace on the Gold Coast on **Saturday February 20, from 6-9pm**. Please join us for drinks, nibbles and light entertainment. Plus, as a twist to the theme we will reveal a bonus secret artist on the night! A special exhibition catalogue has been published to coincide with the show.

To receive more info on our artists and high-res images of works, or for media appointments please contact mariam@19karen.com.au or ring 07 555 45 019.

Exhibition: *19 Mood Swings* – a curated group show exploring the playful complexities of mood and emotion.

Exhibition Period: 20th February – 20th March, 2010

Artists: Abigael Whittaker, Anthony Bartok, Ben Frost, Ben Sheers, Ghost Patrol, Guy L. Warren, Jae Copp, Jessica Charlotte, Johnny Romeo, Kareena Zerefos, Kitty Horton, Laura Jones, Natasha Zraikat, Nolwenn Stephan, Rebecca Murphy, Seamus Heidenreich, Sonya G. Peters, Vitor Dos Santos, Will Duncan, + bonus artist.

Location: 19 KAREN Contemporary Artspace, 19 Karen Ave. (off Cronulla Ave.) Mermaid Beach Qld 4218

New Gallery Hours: Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am – 5pm & by appt.

Opening Night: Sat 20 Feb, 2010, 6- 9pm | Drinks, nibbles provided | DJ Set by Rio Lobotomy

Exhibition catalogue available – please contact us for your copy.