

**1 September 2009**

## **Off the Wall—The Adam Art Gallery celebrates 10 years**

To mark the occasion of the Adam Art Gallery's first ten years, eight artists have been invited to spend ten days working directly on the walls of the gallery.

Their works will provide a context for the Gallery's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday party on 19 September 2009.

The gallery doors will open to the public on the first day the artists start work, allowing visitors to see the wall works in process. The exhibition will provide a fascinating opportunity to see how artists respond to a space and go about realising their work within the tight constraints of a particular timeframe and an actual context.

Adam Art Gallery Director Christina Barton says the 'wall works' will amplify the gallery to produce a vibrant, thought-provoking, and at times unexpected experience.

"The exhibition provides an opportunity to celebrate the gallery's history without dwelling on our past; the temporal projects and their relationship to the site will present instances of the mobility and responsiveness to which the Adam Art Gallery aspires".

In keeping with the format of the *Wall Works* exhibition, students from the New Zealand School of Music have been invited to produce a new sound installation between the two sets of sliding doors at the entrance of the gallery. They will take field recordings and develop their composition while the artists are working. The finished sound work will be on exhibition from 20 September-4 October.

The gallery will officially celebrate its birthday with a party on Saturday 19 September. The evening will be orchestrated by the performance collective of Bek Coogan and Torben Tilly, along with acts by Double Ya D.

On the night the gallery will be filled with specially-commissioned temporary structures designed and built by interior architecture students of Victoria University's School of Architecture and Design. The student radio station VBC will broadcast the event live to the city of Wellington.

Media are invited to join the festivities.

### **About the Adam Art Gallery**

The Adam Art Gallery is a purpose-built gallery based at Victoria University of Wellington's Kelburn campus. It is a forum for critical thinking about art and its histories as well as the professional structure within which the Victoria University Art Collection is managed.

The Adam Art Gallery opened on 21 September 1999 as a result of a major fundraising effort led by the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation as part of the university's centennial celebrations and galvanised by a major gift from Wellington art patrons Denis and Verna Adam, after whom the gallery is named.

### **Wall Works**

David Cauchi, Michael Harrison, Patrick Lundberg, Julia Morison. Simon Morris, Reuben Paterson, Kim Pieters, Jeena Shin

**8 September – 4 October 2009**

**Adam Art Gallery 10<sup>th</sup> birthday party**

**Saturday 19 September 2009**

**8-11pm**

**Door charge \$5 – all proceeds will go towards supporting the artists involved in the project.**

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