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Ministry supports Art on Paper commemorative catalogue and artists' book

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Sydney Art on Paper Fair in 2005, the NSW Ministry for the Arts has granted funds of \$30,000 to support the publication of a commemorative Limited Edition Artists' Book and Catalogue.

Artists' Books are not books about art but are artworks themselves. Either produced as a one-off or like limited edition prints, they are independently produced by the artist, not mass publishers. Although the artists' book has been around for the last 200 years, it is not until recently that there is a significant growth of interest and market for artists' books.

The Limited Edition Artists' Book will include the work of 5 artists and 5 writers and will be published by the SAPF with the assistance of master printer Ron McBurnie, an artist and lecturer at James Cook University.

Only 300 editions of the book will be published making it a highly collectable artwork and historical document.

Sydney Art on Paper Fair will take place from 28 - 31 July 2005 at Byron Kennedy Hall, Moore Park. A glossy commemorative catalogue, a specially commissioned artists' book and a *Paper Trail* of exhibitions at over 10 regional galleries and museums around Sydney is planned, as well as the art fair itself.

Since its first event in 1989, the Sydney Art on Paper Fair's 30,000 visitors have studied the work of more than 2000 artists showcased by over 200 exhibitors, they have listened to artists talk about how they do what they do, they have watched printmaking demonstrations and many have taken home a much prized acquisition. Dozens of artists' commercial careers have been launched at the Art Fair and many relationships made resulting in international collaborations.

As the only international art fair in Sydney and the only one of its kind in the Asia Pacific region SAPF offers a distinctive occasion to buy and market art on paper.

The Sydney Art on Paper Fair (SAPF), exhibits and sells the widest range and highest quality of art works on paper, represented by Australian and International galleries and workshops, for 5 days once every 2 years. Artworks on paper include photography, drawing, painting, limited editions prints, vintage posters, artist books and other three dimensional works.

Sydney Art on Paper Fair will take place:

28 – 31 July 2005; 11am to 8 pm (7 pm on Sunday); Byron Kennedy Hall, Moore Park, Sydney.

Full details on the website www.sydneyartonpaperfair.com.au.

Sydney Art on Paper Fair is supported by the Australia Council for the Arts, Audience and Market Development Division, NSW Ministry for the Arts, Hulsbosch by Design, Eckersleys, Gallery One and IDsecure.

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