



Media Release and Exhibition Invitation

Animals Climb the Walls of Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick

Internationally collected visual artist and local Coogee resident, Llewellyn Skye is exhibiting a collection of 77 paintings called "*Animal Crackers*" at Sydney Children's Hospital.

'Animal Crackers' is an uplifting and quirky collection of animal portraits - the first in the rotating exhibition program by the alumni group of the National Arts School - Friends of the National Arts School. Former students from the National Art School will be invited to apply to exhibit at the Hospital every two months.

Adam Check, Chief Executive, Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation said, "We are delighted to have the support of the arts community and Friends of the National Arts School Program to help the Hospital continue to create a child-friendly and healing environment for patients, visitors and staff."

Llewellyn Skye said, "I am honored be part of this exciting collaboration between the National Art School and Sydney Children's Hospital."

"I chose animals as the subject for this exhibition for two reasons; firstly I wanted to keep my theme friendly and uplifting for the kids at the hospital; and secondly I felt it was parallel to my usual painting subject of people. I tried to portray the personalities of the animal kingdom," she said.

Llewellyn Skye is a former student of the National Art School and was a finalist in 2005 of the John Olsen Drawing Prize. Locally, Llewellyn Skye exhibits at the Maree Mizon Gallery in Woollahra. Her work is also exhibiting internationally.

Invited guests, supporters and staff of the Hospital will attend an opening night on 20 February.

Media/Photo Opportunity:

What: Animal Crackers Opening Night
When: 20 February, 6pm-8pm
Where: Level 0, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick
Contact: To register your attendance or for more information, please contact:

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