

The Artful World of Animals

Fri 27 September 2013

10:00am — 5:00pm

University Hall, Building number 150,
Ground Floor of Old Quadrangle
Building, University of Melbourne

The exhibition *The Artful World of Animals*, curated by Purnima Ruanglertbutr, features works of art by veterinarians, professional and enthusiast artists, designers and photographers, University students, alumni and staff. Explore a diversity of the world's most spectacular and loved creatures, large and small, exotic and familiar, both from animal and human perspectives. The exhibit brings together contemporary artists who have developed critical and creative interpretations on animals, using an array of mediums, art styles and techniques. Some questions, to which the artists of this exhibit offer responses, include: Is there such thing as animal perspective, and what might this world look like? What kind of interactions exists between human beings and animals? What are the impacts of human beings on the animal world? What sentiments are stirred within and between animals, and towards animals? Artists also explore the biology of animals, taking viewers on a journey from single cells to ecosystems. They combine nature, animals and art in a myriad of ways; sometimes figurative and abstract, sometimes symbol and metaphor. From the curious and to the marvellous – *The Artful World of Animals* is a testament to the importance of animals to human culture.

Supported by Melbourne University Veterinary Society and the Melbourne School of Veterinary Science, the exhibition and competition celebrates 50 years of the School's excellence in teaching and close ties with the veterinary profession. All artworks will be judged in categories of medium, and winners will be announced on the opening night.

The exhibition runs from 27 September - 7 October



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