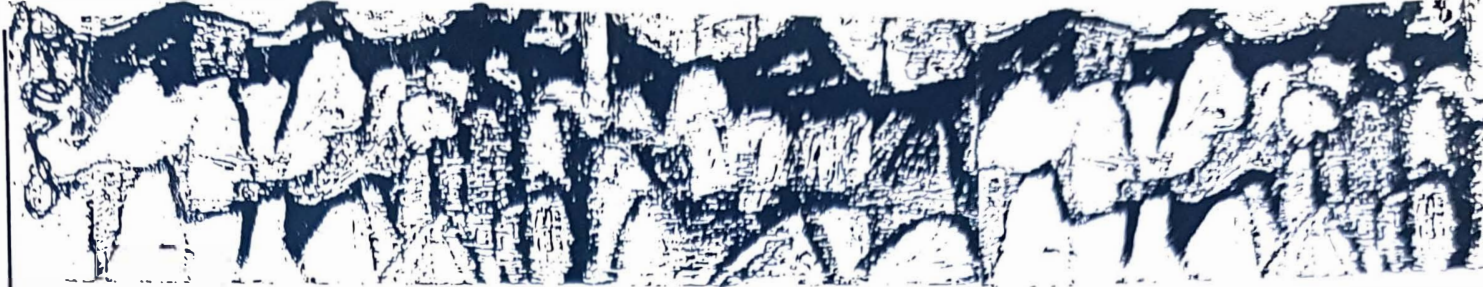


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Arts Extraordinaire - Celebrating Where The Arts Can Take You...

is Australia's first festival to celebrate the diverse talents and artistic skills of people with disabilities.

What joins these people?

Van Gogh, Monet, Manet, Matisse, Renoir, Frida Kahlo, Toulouse Lautrec, John Cleese, Sylvia Plath, Beethoven, Leon Russell, Lord Byron, Ian Drury, Ray Charles, Steady Eddy ...

They are recognised for their contribution to cultural practice.

What have we forgotten?

They are all artists with a disability.

Why then are people with disabilities who seek access to and participation in cultural experiences met with so many obstacles?

*Accessible Arts the foremost art and disability organisation in NSW, presents **Arts Extraordinaire** 10 days of exhibitions, performances, music, short films, plays, readings, theatre, workshops and discussion forums.*

*A major event of **Arts Extraordinaire** is the **Cigar Box Exhibition** at the ABC Ultimo Centre Nov 1-10. The works from the Exhibition, donated by the artists, will be auctioned at the festival launch.*

The Cigar Box Exhibition takes its inspiration and theme from the provocative Impressionist "Nine by Five Exhibition" of 1889. Instigated by Tom Roberts, Charles Conder, Frederick McCubben & Arthur Streeton, this exhibition initiated dialogue and inquiry within the arts community. Painted on cigar box lids the affordable size of the works made them indispensable decorative accessories and these works were purchased by a broad cross section of society.

In the Cigar Box Exhibition, recognised and emerging artists come together to present works on panels reminiscent of cigar box lids. Many of the artists have a disability. The exhibition inspires the sense of two parties seeking a common ground and working towards mutual understanding. As with the Nine by Five Exhibition, "Cigar Box" challenges established norms and inspires new approaches. Both arouse an excited sense of anticipated directions. Streeton reviewed the Nine by Five Exhibition as a major turning point for Australia's arts community. Accessible Arts developed the Cigar Box Exhibition and **Arts Extraordinaire** to encourage a turn towards action on key issues relating to arts and disability.

Arts Extraordinaire will be held at The Powerhouse Museum, The ABC Centre Ultimo, State Library of NSW, University of Technology Sydney and Bondi Pavilion Community Cultural Centre.

Arts Extraordinaire will run from November 1 to 10.

***An invitation is extended to you to attend the launch of
Arts Extraordinaire and the opening of the Cigar Box Exhibition***

On the 3rd November

6.00 - 9.00pm

***ABC Ultimo Centre
700 Harris Street
Ultimo***

***An invitation and full media kit will be sent to you shortly
and we look forward to seeing you at the launch.***