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What October Artists in Residence

Lockhart River Art Gang

Where The Santa Fe Art Institute
IAIA Museum

When SFai Open Studio, October 25th 5:30 pm,
IAIA Museum Exhibit Opening Reception Oct. 12, 5-7 pm
Art Gang Exhibit: September 14, 2007 through January 13, 2008

The Santa Fe Art Institute is proud to host the Lockhart River Art Gang as artists in residence for the month of October. The Art Gang is from a remote Aboriginal Community on the east coast of Cape York in far north Queensland Australia. The Art Gang's work is a contemporary response to the environment, culture and traditions of this isolated Aboriginal Community. It expresses some of the realities of being Aboriginal and the strong influences of traditional culture and values in their world. They have developed their own forms of expression, which are very different from the art of central Australia and other parts of Australia. The Art Gang residency is made possible by the Brindle Foundation.

The Santa Fe Art Institute in partnership with the IAIA Museum features the work of Lockhart River Art Gang. An opening reception for the work currently on exhibit is scheduled for October 12, 5-7 p.m. The exhibit features artists Rosella Namok, Fiona Omeenyo, Leroy Platt, Silas Hobson, Samantha Hobson and Adrian King. This exhibit has been supported by the Queensland Government, Australia through the Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing and Export Agency (QIAMEA), Department of the Premier and Cabinet. QIAMEA promotes Queensland's Indigenous arts industry through marketing and export activity throughout Australia and internationally.

The Santa Fe Art Institute's monthly Open Studio is an opportunity for the public to meet the SFai's resident artists and writers from around the world, and tour their studios as they discuss and read from their work. Residents live and work in a beautiful 17,000 square ft. building designed by renowned Mexican architect Ricardo Legorreta, for up to three months. SFai offers private rooms, spacious studios and communal living areas. SFai Artist and Writer Residencies are supported by the Pollock Krasner Foundation, Lannan Foundation, Trust for Mutual Understanding, Joan Mitchell Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts and the Witter Bynner Foundation.

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