

MEDIA RELEASE

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## Rohan Fraser: painting a path to success

Carclew Youth Arts' most-recent Artist in Residence, **Rohan Fraser**, is set to exhibit his fourth solo show ***Bent into the Bloody Wind*** at **Format Gallery, Adelaide**.

The exhibition is a collection of approximately 15 works – many of which were produced during Rohan's artistic residency at Carclew – and will open on **Wednesday, May 9**.

27-year-old Rohan, of Prospect, has already held several solo shows and exhibited in numerous joint and group exhibitions, with works featured in publications such as Art Almanac, Art Guide Australia and Australian Art Collector.

Rohan has been influenced by a tapestry of artistic and cultural niches during the creative process for this exhibition. He lists 80s pop culture and music, as well as the universal experiences of joy and despair as influences in his works.

"I like to think of my work as a good punk-rock or folk song; while there are uncomfortable themes, the execution is so joyous that the experience of absorbing the work, musical or visual, becomes therapeutic," said Rohan.

"Though I often convey a sense of despair in my work, I imagine them to be a celebration of hopelessness and passion."

Rohan acknowledges that his time at Carclew as Artist in Residence was critical to the development of his practice.

"The studio was peaceful and rent-free in an encouraging and unique environment. I had ready access to industry professionals who were willing to provide advice on grant applications, promotion and curating," said Rohan.

Rohan's practice is now based at Switchboard Studio in Norwood where he is finalising the works for his upcoming solo show.

*Bent into the Bloody Wind* opens Wednesday, May 9 at Format Gallery, Adelaide.

For further information on Rohan Fraser and his works visit [rohanfraser.com.au](http://rohanfraser.com.au)

For further information on the Carclew Youth Arts residency program visit [carclew.com.au](http://carclew.com.au)

### What's On

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| <b>What</b>  | Bent into the Bloody Wind        |
| <b>When</b>  | Wednesday May 9, 6-9pm           |
| <b>Where</b> | Format, 15 Peel Street, Adelaide |

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