

Andrew Varano (WA): WORLD MUSIC

21 July - 16 September 2012



Andrew Varano, Circular Argument, 2009, video projection on cardboard screen, courtesy and © the artist.

Emerging Perth-based artist Andrew Varano presents his first solo exhibition **World Music** at Fremantle Arts Centre.

Featuring kinetic sound sculptures, video installations and Zen fountain prototypes he questions our seemingly inherent desire to set up relationships and narratives between things.

Varano uses the 'memory palace', a technique to organise memories, to draw on disparate ideas from amateur beekeeping, conspiracy theory, global cultural production and the characters of Moby Dick, trying to reconcile the relationships between tenuous ideas.

Immersing himself in the ideas of **World Music**, Varano has learnt the finer points of amateur beekeeping and has been tending several hives in the FAC grounds over the last six months.

Varano is the recipient of the Australia Council JUMP national mentorship under internationally recognised contemporary artist Callum Morton. Varano says "Callum Morton will help me realise my ambitious first solo exhibition... World Music, the exhibition will use personal narrative, the readymade,



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model making and mechanical systems to explore the ability of objects to communicate and construct a set of complex ideas."

Developed through a FAC residency, *World Music*, will tour nationally with an exhibition in Melbourne, November 2012.

Andrew Varano is based in Perth. He has exhibited at a number of local galleries and artist run initiatives, and completed an international residency in Italy. He was the recipient of the first inaugural Dr Harold Schenberg art prize in the 2010 *Hatched: National Graduate Exhibition* and is currently a codirector of OK Gallery in Northbridge.

Andrew Varano: World Music 21 July – 16 September 2012 10am – 5pm, 7 days

Opening Night: Friday 20 July 2012, 6:30pm, free entry

Also opening: The Irregular Correct - New Art from Glasgow

Artspoken (open studios, artists talks, exhibition tours)

Wed 25 July, 6:30pm, free entry Join Andrew Varano as he discusses the ideas behind *World Music*.

About Fremantle Arts Centre

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