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**Fremantle
ArtsCentre:**

Vera Möller
darkrooming
24 July– 19 September
Fremantle Arts Centre

For the first time, Fremantle Arts Centre welcomes the work of respected Melbourne-based artist, Vera Möller.

Over 3,000 components glow and oscillate in this eerie installation, in what Möller has characterised as a 'museum of fictional species'. By contrasting the real and the imagined, Möller mutates the natural and illusory in this cabinet of curiosities.

Her exhibition is a collection of hypothetical life forms that seem like they've been plucked from under the deepest of seas. Her specimens are inspired to blur the boundaries between natural, artificial and illusory life forms.

Möller's background in Fine Arts, Theology and Microbiology inform her artistic practice. Concerned with environmental change and the evolving nature of science, her organic forms are withered and calcified. They accentuate the alien qualities of nature, simultaneously speculating on discoveries that might be made in years to come.

"I am interested in this border between the real and imagined, the constructed and the natural" says Möller, in an interview with *The Age*.

Specimens are displayed akin to natural history exhibits, all the while fulfilling Möller's preoccupation with mysterious sea creatures and the question of 'what exists beyond the knowledge of science?'

Vera Möller studied Biology, Microbiology and Theology in Wurzburg and Munich before immigrating to Australia in 1986. Möller completed postgraduate studies in Fine Arts at the Victorian College of the Arts in Melbourne. She has exhibited in Australia, Germany, Paris, Tokyo, New York and Helsinki.

Vera Möller is represented by Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane; Sophie Gannon Gallery, Melbourne; and Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney.

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