



FREMANTLE
ARTS CENTRE

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PUBLIC CALLOUT

WE NEED YOUR STORIES, ARTWORKS AND IMAGES



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A fortieth anniversary is a huge milestone for any institution but rather than get nostalgic or self-congratulatory we want to mark the occasion by focussing on the community of arts lovers that have made Fremantle Arts Centre a hub for creativity for four decades.

On March 22 and 23 we're inviting everyday visitors, artists, musicians, students and children alike to bring in their artworks, photographs, objects and recordings that feature FAC over its 40 year history. These public submissions will all be considered for *Mad About You: 40 Years of Fremantle Arts Centre*, a big-hearted, public-led exhibition intended to explore people's deep-felt connection with FAC.

With a focus on how intrinsic the sense of place is to the way people experience FAC and its grounds, a selection of the material will be co-curated by City Of Fremantle Art Collection curator Andre Lipscombe and FAC director Jim Cathcart.

"Apart from coming to FAC for great exhibitions, concerts, courses or events, we know that a huge part of our appeal is experiencing the building itself and the way the beautiful, imposing gothic structure and its history inevitably informs the way you experience art here," FAC director Jim Cathcart says. "I know of married couples who met here, well-known artists who first learnt their practice here and elderly people who have been doing learning courses here for decades. This exhibition is about those connections and we can't wait to see the interesting artworks, images and stories people dust off for our March 22 and 23 submission days."



While the project will include work from the City's Art Collection and well known artists - You Tube gig footage, the recollections of well-known Fremantle residents and new works by local school students will also be gathered to reflect FAC's current dynamism and exciting future.

The project also extends online through a micro-site at www.fac.org.au where FAC-lovers are encouraged to post pictures, video and recollections of their fondest memories of FAC right throughout the exhibition.

All submissions go into the draw to win a double pass to every South Lawn Gig at FAC in the 13/14 financial year.

Mad About You will be launched in the Inner Courtyard on 12 April, with a gala party which will include Fremantle's The Zydecats and FAC's founding director Ian Templeman.

Every *Mad About You* public submission will go into the draw to win a double pass to every South Lawn Concert at FAC in the 2013/2014 financial year.

Mad About You: 40 Years of Fremantle Arts Centre

Public submissions will be received at FAC reception March 22 & 23, 10am-5pm.

Visit www.fac.org.au for more information.

Mad About You: 40 Years of Fremantle Arts Centre opens 12 April, 6.30pm and runs until June 2.

About Fremantle Arts Centre

Fremantle Arts Centre is a multi-arts organisation in Fremantle, Western Australia. With dedicated exhibitions, residencies, music and courses programs, plus a shop and café, FAC is one of the state's premier arts institutions. FAC presents high-quality programs from local, national and international artists year-round.

FAC's grounds and exhibitions are free entry.