

# Menagerie

## CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS SCULPTURE

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### ARTIST TALKS AND COLLABORATION

Following the opening of *Menagerie: Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture*, Object: Australian Centre for Craft and Design will present a day of public programs that celebrate contemporary Indigenous art, craft and design.

Date: Saturday 5 September 2009  
Venue: Object Gallery  
417 Bourke Street  
Surry Hills  
Cost: FREE

#### 11am-1pm: IN COLLABORATION

Three accomplished fibre artists featured in *Menagerie* will discuss their work processes and demonstrate various techniques using a variety of found and collected materials.

Participating artists include:

Vicki West (Tasmania); Treanha Hamm (Victoria); and Janine McAullay Bott (Western Australia), winner of the Wandjuk Marika Three-Dimensional Memorial Award, a category of the *26th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award*.

Vicki West is known for her use of bull kelp, collected from significant locations along the Tasmanian coast. Janine McAullay Bott's woven sculptures use natural fibres and materials while Treanha Hamm creates work using an array of found media including wire and plastic bags.

#### 2pm-3pm: IN CONVERSATION

Following the demonstration, Vicki West, Treanha Hamm and Janine McAullay Bott will discuss their work in an open forum. All three artists will be available for Q&A.

#### 3pm-4pm: DANIE MELLOR | ARTIST TALK

*Menagerie* artist and major prize winner of the *26th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award*, Danie Mellor, will give an illustrated talk about his contemporary art practice, investigating Australian identity and political concerns.

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*Menagerie* is an Associated Event of Art & About 2009 presented by City of Sydney.



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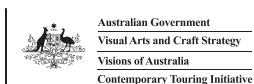
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Object Gallery  
417 Bourke Street  
Surry Hills NSW 2010  
Open Tuesday to Sunday  
11am - 6pm  
(Closed Monday)

Australian Museum  
6 College Street  
Sydney NSW 2010 Australia  
Open Daily 9:30am - 5pm  
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Image: Danie Mellor, *Red, White and Blue*, detail, 2008. Courtesy the artist, Caruana and Reid Fine Art. Photo: Australian Museum