



CHAPTER HOUSE LANE

MEDIA RELEASE

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Chapter House Lane – a not-for-profit contemporary art space in Melbourne

What's on:

- Chapter House Lane presents local painter Matlok Griffiths and his exhibition: "Chic & Contemporary Holiday Paintings", 5–29 April 2012, opening from 6-8pm, Thursday 5 April.
- On visiting his Abbotsford studio, the artist spoke of the influence a recent holiday in South East Asia had on his work. He referenced the light and locations that made an impression. Roadside stalls, remnants of colonial architecture and tropical produce – etchings on his holiday psyche.
- Griffiths shifted from his previously primary palette to the pastels and hues reminiscent of the fine light, French shutters and Áo Dài traditional dress of Vietnam and Laos.
- Incorporating obscure, layered objects, his newest body of work also features iconic emblems of the region like the Lacoste/'low-cost' crocodile, the banana, and the outdoor 'free-air' barbers.
- Griffiths' clean finishes belie the previous incarnation of the canvas. And as an artist who pays great weight to the evolution of the work, he points to the colourful bleed that tells its history. Unframed for this reason, he cites Gaston "The canvas you are working on modifies all previous ones in an unending baffling chain which never seems to finish. For me the most relevant question and perhaps the only one is, 'when are you finished'? When do you stop? Or rather why stop at all?"
- Thankfully Griffiths has stopped for long enough to compile these works in a new show that is a vibrant must-see, guaranteed to prolong our summer through the cooler month of April.
- He has previously exhibited in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Auckland, and has been active in fundraising efforts within the arts community for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

What's been:

- Rowan Conroy, whose work has been on display all March, has been shortlisted in the Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert photography award. You can see the selected image 'Untitled #5' from the series ATHINA, at Chapter House Lane until 1 April.
- Justin Lee Williams, the inaugural exhibitor at Chapter House Lane, has released a book compiling watercolours from his Attachment Series. His collaboration with designer Therese Rawsthorne also hit the catwalk this month as part of L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival.
- Chaco Kato, who exhibited in January, has work on display at Backyard Gallery in Ballarat until 22 April.

What's next:

- Chapter House Lane is pleased to announce three more confirmed exhibitors. Andre Piguet in July 2012, Lani Seligman in September 2012, and Brad Haylock in May 2013.

What's more:

- You can catch info, pics and updates at – [facebook.com/chapterhoucelane](https://www.facebook.com/chapterhoucelane) & [chapterhoucelane.org.au](http://chapterhoucelane.org.au) – or for interview requests and images please contact:
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