



CHAPTER HOUSE LANE

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

Show No.9

- In a month where the worldwide Olympic extravaganza captures the imagination, and the domestic AFL and NRL competitions come to a head in a bold, brash display of physicality and sometimes – farce – Chapter House Lane explores the intimate, with the imagined sporting personas of Andrew Gordon's series '*Bloods*'.
- The new work from the Australian painter from coastal Victoria features large oils hung against handmade flags; in reference to these modern emblems of shared identity.
- On display from 2 August until 2 September, the event opens from 6-8pm Thursday 2 August, with a little less fanfare than London's Friday outing – but which with beer, wine and interesting people – will be exciting all the same.
- Greatly inspired by the world of sports, Gordon concocts representations of sportsmen, recalling his youthful awe and admiration of their agility. He pieces together personas, intrigued by the 1990s NBA basketball players and AFL footballers he once idealised.
- Gordon commenced the series at a month long residency at Art Park in Byron Bay earlier this year. His ideas developed around the traditional display of national and team-themed flags. He constructs his from hand-dyed material and salvaged remnants from everyday life, recalling a time they were regularly homemade.
- The accompanying portraits are sure to offer the kind of grainy subtext and mystery Gordon is known for, reeling in the sports pages' propensity for the glossy offer of superhuman feats.

Previously & in preparation:

- Show No.9 has lead us to look back at our 8 previous exhibitions – a show reel of the results now on our website at chapterhouselane.org.au/news.
- As we head toward our first anniversary, we're furiously planning our 2013 calendar, preparing for a submission open-call, and pulling together grant applications in the hope we can continue with some financial support and security.
- Whatever happens, our little space, that has turned the gallery inside out, and given the city of Melbourne another reason to applaud its innovative and creative inhabitants, will be sure to offer more interesting and uplifting art for our audience to admire.
- Our monthly invitations are sent by email, so to ensure you don't miss out, sign up via our website.

Next month:

- September sees Lani Seligman present a neon work with a simple message adorning the Chapter House Lane walls. As with all things succinct, the challenge is in interpretation, and when Seligman gets in your head, it'll have you thinking.

For more:

- You can catch info, pics and updates at – facebook.com/chapterhouselane & chapterhouselane.org.au – or for interview requests and high-res images please contact:
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