



CHAPTER HOUSE LANE

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

What's up next:

- Chapter House Lane presents Victorian ceramic artist Pia Murphy and her exhibition: 'Woolgather', 3 May – 3 June 2012, opening from 6-8pm, Thursday 3 May.
- Woolgather – verb – to indulge in aimless thought or dreamy imagining... On a crisp and sunny day in sleepy Aireys Inlet, the home of Pia Murphy and artist partner, Rhys Lee, seems the perfect place to engage in such a practice.
- Filled with light and artwork, Murphy's small ceramic sculptures stand to attention along one wall, amassed there as if in unison, prepared for a march. Yet what's obvious is their non-uniformity, the only common thread – a vivid imagination.
- The works from 2011 and 2012, including new works, include some realistic and anatomically correct creatures, and others ending tangentially in comic form – a pig producing sausages from its intestines, Beatle George Harrison as Jesus.
- Murphy's influences are varied. The *National Geographic*, the sweeping view from the balcony, other admired artists: Hockney, Traylor.
- She has a cheeky and nebulous approach to her work, and is unfazed by the margin of uncertainty in the appearance of a sculpture pre- and post-firing.
- Having worked previously as a printmaker she accepts that each work will be nuanced by a process that can't be completely controlled.

What's our exhibitors are up to:

- Matlok Griffiths, whose exhibition at Chapter House Lane in April was a huge success, has an upcoming show at Blockprojects titled 'All these words keep getting in our way'.
- André Piguët, whose new show 'GUPPY JUNGLE' will be at Chapter House Lane in July, has a show in May at TCB titled 'VVVVVV GWEEEEEN'.
- Andrew Gordon, who will show at Chapter House Lane in August, has recently returned from a month-long residency at Art Park in Byron Bay, where he commenced work on the series representing sports heroes from his youth.

And:

- Chapter House Lane has been added to well trodden routes of the Art Aficionado and Hidden Secrets tours.
- May sees the opening of café Little King in the space next to the Chapter House Lane windows, which will add extra appeal to the area.

For more:

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