



## MEDIA RELEASE

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Chapter House Lane, not-for-profit contemporary art space Melbourne, presents its new project:

### **136 JOHNSTON STREET**

Kicking off with photographic artist Benjamin Lichtenstein, Chapter House Lane presents a short season of special shows at a new Collingwood location: 136 Johnston Street.

Opening: Thursday 10 July, 6-8pm

Exhibition: 10 July – 10 August

Followed by Sydney painter Catherine Cassidy, two additional shows will round out the first season of 'off-Broadway' events for Chapter House Lane.

Hoteliers Leah Henry and Marcus Davies approached Chapter House Lane Gallery Director Louise Klerks, to take temporary charge of the window space, while they create their new 1920s-style bar on the premises. Designed and built by Dave Brodziak of *insideroutsider*, 136 Johnston Street replicates the original Chapter House Lane display space in the city. Though half the length, the aesthetic resembles the original – a glass-fronted slice of the classic 'white cube'.

While Henry and Davies clang around out back – channeling their collective experience in Melbourne's cafés and bars into a new establishment – the art will be up front; Chapter House Lane once again putting exciting, young, contemporary Australian artists in the path of the public, where their work can make an impact.

Operating as a not-for-profit organisation reliant on voluntary, professional contributors, Chapter House Lane is once again proud to exhibit Benjamin Lichtenstein. The committed, talented and genre-bending artist has had successful solo shows at Chapter House Lane, Neospace and the Utopian Slumps Project Room over the last couple of years. Recently, he's been invited to exhibit in group shows at Edmund Pearce, Next Wave, The John and Marion Frye Collection (LA) and Muddguts (NY).

The artist's new series of experimental photographic works use the unlikely method of finger painting to mask or reveal a montage. Borrowing techniques from the spectrum of artistic abilities, Lichtenstein creates single print artworks with depth and texture.

For more on Benjamin Lichtenstein's previous work see: <http://benjaminlichtenstein.com>

**136 JOHNSTON STREET** is the first roaming project of Chapter House Arts since its inception in 2011. We hope to attract other business and property owners with unused city spaces to turn them over for the benefit of the arts and cultural well-being of the city. We invite you to come and see the new space, situated between Wellington and Hoddle Streets Collingwood, where we neighbour Bluebird Espresso; spitting distance from the Tote.

### **MORE INFORMATION, INTERVIEWS AND IMAGES**

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