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FEBRUARY SHOW: GRANT NIMMO 'WORM'

Chapter House Lane presents a solo exhibition by local artist Grant Nimmo. The exhibition titled 'Worm' opens Thursday 6 February from 6-8pm.

Nimmo has been holed up in his studio in the Nicholas building. Fumes linger from recent work with paint and plaster. His clever use of aerosol and silicon moulds are marks of a modern practice that, despite some trepidation, Nimmo is up for exploring.

Nimmo's can of worms will be one you don't want to close – a weird, fantastic, slippery-strange journey through the subterranean tunnels of the earth.

Pastel shades are made bold by their interpretation, and the new palette just another sign his practice is in a stage of transformation with no obvious end in sight.

Chapter House Lane's Gallery Director Louise Klerks said a visit to Nimmo's studio was an unexpected surprise of the boundless scope and energy in this new line of work by the artist.

"We are thrilled to have Grant Nimmo's *Worm* to kick off the new year of exhibitions at Chapter House Lane. Nimmo's work takes the common garden to new and exciting territory. You won't be able to look at your grandmother's garden gnome the same way again."

"After last month's fundraiser, and plenty of help and assistance from the community, we managed to raise 50% of our annual program costs. This will help us continue to maintain and improve the space, and seek work from interstate and international artists."

"It's not too late to make a tax-deductible donation through Careers Australia. Help Chapter House Lane expand and continue to support local artists," Ms Klerks said.

- Grant Nimmo's *Worm* opens with drinks from 6-8pm, Thursday 6 February.
- Works include plaster cast sculptures and paintings pelted with aerosol-thick pastel colours that reference Robert Crumb's Stoned Agin (1971), before catapulting into their own uniquely Nimmo territory.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2014

- Already a great line up of artists has been confirmed for 2014 including Oscar Perry, Emily Ferretti, Matlok Griffiths, Pia Murphy, Riley Payne, Lane Cormick and Charles O'Loughlin.
- Expect experimental use of the space and other collaborative projects to be announced.

FUNDRAISING:

• Chapter House Lane is a not-for-profit contemporary art space that relies on donations to promote and support local artists and sustain a vibrant arts precinct in the city of Melbourne. Making a contribution is now easier than ever with tax-deductible donation facility through the <u>Australia Cultural Fund</u> – Please note that no contribution is too small, every little bit helps.

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