

DAYDREAMER WOLF

Elyas Alavi

Next Wave Festival 2018 presents *Daydreamer Wolf* — a cross-disciplinary exhibition designed to paint a rich and moving portrait of the Afghan Hazara refugee community.

How is it possible to understand the trials and realities of the refugee experience?

Inspired by his own personal journey, award-winning poet Elyas Alavi presents *Daydreamer Wolf* at Next Wave Festival 2018, a multimedia exhibition accompanied by Opening night performances where Alavi will perform his poetry alongside local experimental musicians.

The cross-disciplinary work effectively balances visual arts, spoken word and improvised performance to deliver a deeper insight into the turbulent refugee stories than contemporary media conveys. Using his poetry as a central pillar to the exhibitions, Alavi will collaborate with Melbourne based experimental musicians to provide an improvised soundtrack; inviting them to respond to his recitals and the exhibition's visual elements.

The exhibition is a rich exploration into the issues faced by the Hazaran community and audiences will experience a range of artforms including painting, video projection, installation, performance and collaborations.

About Elyas Alavi

Elyas Alavi is a visual artist and poet based in Adelaide. Born in Afghanistan, he moved to Australia in 2007 as a refugee at risk.

Alavi graduated from a Masters by Research (Visual Arts) in 2016 and a Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) in 2012, both at the University of South Australia. His work has exhibited nationally and internationally including Mohsen Gallery (Tehran), UTS (Sydney) and Nexus Arts (Adelaide). Alavi has published three critically-acclaimed poetry books, receiving literature prizes

including The International Peace Poetry Prize (2011, Tajikistan). He regularly runs art and poetry workshops in community centres and schools in Adelaide.

Exhibition Dates — St Heliers

Street Gallery:

3–20 May

Mon–Sat: 10am–4pm

20 May

Sun: 10am–4pm

Opening Reception and Performance:

5 May

5pm–8pm (Performance: 5:30pm)

Public Program — Persian Poetry Reading:

20 May

Sun: 2pm–3:30pm

Exhibition Dates — Chapter House Lane:

3 May–30 June

Opening Reception and Performance:

18 May

6pm (Performance: 6:30pm)

Venue:

St Heliers Street Gallery, Abbotsford
Convent & Chapter House Lane

Tickets:

Free

Hashtags:

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Access:

Ausplan-interpreted performance
5 May 5:30pm / Wheelchair access

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