

In-Habit.

***In Habit* – an expression of interest.**

Punctum artists are opening the doors and inviting expressions of interest from contemporary artists who wish to inhabit the Abbotsford Convent with them in '09.

***In Habit* projects will be celebrated throughout the year and will culminate in expose of works in November '09.**

In Habit is a pilot contemporary arts project in residence at the Abbotsford Convent.

In Habit artists will be exploring and analysing:

- the art of residency

- the art of cultural exchange

through experiments in multi art form practice

The art from *In Habit* will document the host and the hosted.

It will subtly lift up the cloth and habit of cultural exchange and ask questions about what's underneath.

Results from *In Habit* will provide the basis for a long term contemporary arts and cultural exchange. It will allow artists from Australia and overseas to investigate, exchange ideas, and create together via our cultural base at the convent, our international networks, and connections with singular regional districts in Victoria.

We're extending our reach to 6 artists who seek to investigate art form and place with us through *In Habit*. Artists working in any form are free to submit an EOI.

Artists are not required to submit ideas for individual projects for the expression of interest.

Through *In Habit* we will be responding to 2 questions

1. What is site, place, and landscape?

2. How does site/place/landscape invoke exchange and exploration through the symbolic/real/ and imaginary of art forms?

In Habit artists will be investigating cultural exchange through these questions – either with other artists they meet through the project or with people from the City of Yarra in which the Abbotsford Convent is based, or both. All work will be imbedded in "site".

Each of the projects under the *In Habit* roof has a maximum budget of \$3,000 and the coordinating artist for each project is expected to show how they manage that sum during the unfolding of their project.

Because home is where the toast is *In Habit* will be jam packed with dialogue and doing, debate and discovery.

If you're interested in being part of *In Habit* send your expression of interest responding to our questions PLUS your C.V. to

***In Habit* c/- Punctum, 1 Halford St., Castlemaine 3450**

OR by e-mail with an EOI attached to: hq@punctum.com.au

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We're interested in you and your ideas. For that reason it helps us if you're clear and concise. Just two A4 pages plus your CV will provide us with all the information we need to inform our decisions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Artistic practice:

1. What art form/s do you practise?
2. What interests you about *In Habit* and what would you bring to the project?

Cultural exchange:

3. What interests you in working with artists or people outside your art form?
4. How in general does your work relate to cultural exchange?

People and participation:

5. What are some key expected and unexpected professional relationships you have developed through your practice and briefly tell us how have they influenced your work?
6. In what ways, through your artistic practice, have you successfully engaged with people who are not artists?

Spaces and place:

7. Give some brief examples of how you have worked outside mainstream cultural institutions and formats.
8. How in general do you source materials for your work?

Don't forget to attach your CV to your EOI and send to *In Habit* c/-

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EOI closing date is Saturday 15th November 2008