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Asialink's latest visual arts touring program celebrates Australian creative glass practice and forges greater understanding

Contemporary Australian glass art will make its way to Asia next month as the latest in Asialink's highly acclaimed visual arts touring program. In touring artworks by some of Australia's leading artists, Asialink continues to pave the way in promoting Australia's relationships with Asia.

*White Hot*, presented in partnership with leading arts organizations, Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre and Canberra Glassworks, highlights the works of eight internationally renowned and celebrated Australian glass artists who challenge the traditional ideas, methods, and materials of glass making.

The invited artists, Nadege Desgenetez (ACT), Wendy Fairclough (SA), Deirdre Feeney (VIC), Jessica Loughlin (SA), Tom Moore (SA), Brenden Scott French (SA), Itzell Tazzyman (ACT) and Janice Vitkovsky (SA), all explore themes of narrative, nostalgia and challenge the notions of what glass can be.

In recent years, contemporary Australian glass artists have received unprecedented acclaim in the international arena. This is the first dedicated Australian glass exhibition to be toured in Asia. *White Hot: contemporary Australian glass* celebrates the strength of Australian creative glass practice and industry.

"*White Hot* reveals the vibrancy and dynamism current within contemporary glass practice in Australia," Alison Carroll, director of Asialink Arts, said. "These eight artists demonstrate that glass is a super-cooled mercurial substance that resists classification."

The Asialink visual arts touring program aims to promote intercultural understanding between Australia and the countries of Asia, and furthers artistic endeavour and information exchange. *White Hot* will be in **Hanoi from 19 – 28 June 2009**, at the Vietnam Fine Art Museum, and in **Taiwan from 24 July - 27 September**, at the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts.

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