

# EDUCATION UPDATE INTERACTIVE PROJECTS JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2013

## SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery is a great place to bring your stage 2 & 3 students to over the next few months.

### AN INTERACTIVE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE 21 June – 28 July 2013



William Yang's installation artwork **Australia Now**, is an interactive educational project inviting children to connect with Yang's interest in autobiography by drawing self-portraits, writing stories from their

lives and discovering their Chinese zodiac animal sign. The project is ideal for primary student interactive visits.

*Australia Now*, pictured top right, is a project first commissioned by GoMA, Brisbane, in 2009 for *The China Project for Kids* and again for Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation, Sydney, in 2011.

### EXHIBITION 1 21 June – 28 July 2013

**Made in China, Australia**, curated by Greg Leong, will be shown alongside William Yang's *Australia Now*. The artworks have been drawn together to explore how individual processes of acculturation have impacted on the work of a diverse group of well-known Chinese-Australian artists including William Yang, Lindy Lee, Lui Xiao Xian and Jason Wing.

This exhibition is supported by the Contemporary Touring initiative. Also supported by the Australia Council and through Arts Tasmania by the Minister for the Arts.

### EXHIBITION 2 2 August – 8 September 2013

Alfredo + Isabel Aquilizan: *In-Habit: Project Another Country* considers the idea of 'place'. The artists present two separate but interconnected works that address the ideas of journey and diaspora; settlement and resettlement; home and land; plight and displacement. Using the process of collecting and collaborating to express ideas of migration, family and memory, the husband-and-wife team work with local schools and the community to construct small houses using recycled cardboard boxes and tape. Installed on scaffolding, the houses, referencing the makeshift Badjao house on stilts, will contribute to a growing community of dwellings, resembling a sprawling construction site continuously evolving and always in transition.

A Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation Commission Project toured my Museums and Galleries NSW. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australian Council for the Arts, its funding body.

### FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE WITH ARTISTS 8 August to 17 August

Take advantage of this unique opportunity for your students: Isabel and Alfredo Acquilizan will be in the gallery to work with community and school groups to construct small houses between 8–17 August. At other times, gallery staff or volunteers will be available to conduct tours of the project and facilitate workshops.

### GALLERY TOURS ARE FREE

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