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Compact Prints exhibition, exchange and auction

More than 166 prints have flown in from across Australia and from 21 countries for the 4th International Compact Prints exhibition, exchange and auction at Umbrella Studio.

Participants send 3 copies of their print to the gallery- one to be part of the exhibition, one to exchange with another participant and another to auction at the opening.

First established by Umbrella Studio in 2006 the exhibition has become a successful biennial exhibition.

The 2010 Compact Prints exhibition is currently on a Queensland wide tour. Umbrella Studio Director Vicki Salisbury has plans to build on this success and take the 2012 exhibition further afield.

"We are keen to expand the reach of this exhibition and already have interest from galleries in Wales, London, USA, Singapore and we will begin the world tour in New Zealand then adding venues as it travels throughout the two years it is on the road. The cost of the international tour is costly, such as transport and safely crating the artwork and so we hope that the print auction will be well attended and funds raised with help with that," said Mrs Salisbury. All of the prints are terrific but I do have some local and international favorites, I am a lover of traditional techniques and there are plenty of beauties to choose ,including the detailed wood cut from Townsville artist Laura Castell. Another highlight is the linocut from Israeli artist, Victor Lipkin, I purchase two of his prints from the 2008 auction and I will be bidding on him again on Friday night!"

**Compact Prints Opening Friday 13 July at 6pm.
Fundraising Auction at 7pm**

There are two other exhibitions opening at Umbrella the same weekend:

Students-In-Case - An exhibition of works following a similar theme by framing the pieces in Compact Disk cases, highlighting the printmaking talents of students from nine local high schools.

Beanies - A collection of beanies from the famous Alice Springs Beanie Festival's finest works. Beanies produced by the Indigenous women of central Australia and international artists.

Both exhibitions open Sunday 15 July at 11am.

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