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Local and international artists to showcase Compact Prints in Townsville

More than 176 prints have flown in from across Australia and from 14 countries for the 2014 Compact Prints exhibition, exchange and auction at Umbrella Studio.

The biennial event, which is a major fundraiser for the gallery, sees artists supply three copies of their print - one to be part of the exhibition, one to exchange with another participant and another to auction at the opening.

Umbrella Studio Director Vicki Salisbury said the project provided artists a forum to exchange work and ideas, as well as provide the opportunity to exhibit in a contemporary art space.

"The feedback from artists over the years has been wonderful and many of the participants have taken part in every Compact Prints exhibition to date – beginning in 2002," Ms Salisbury said.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for art lovers and the general public to see the talented artists' work, and a great chance to begin their own original art collection without a major financial outlay."

Compact Prints opens Friday, 15 August at 6pm. There will be music by Grammar Celtic Players and bidding will commence for the Fundraising Auction at 7pm with preview and pre-registration from 9am that day. For more information visit www.umbrella.org.au