

# ARTFUL DODGERS STUDIOS PRESENT

## **OUT OF MY HEAD**

### an exhibition at Signal

**Signal @ Northbank**

behind Flinders St Station, towards Sandridge Bridge, Northbank, Melbourne.

**OPENING: Friday 30 October 4pm**

**EXHIBITION: Wednesday to Saturday until 14 November 2-6 pm**

Mental sparks fly as the **Artful Dodgers Studios**, Melbourne's award-winning urban studios for young "at risk" artists, create installations for their new **Out of My Head** exhibition at **Signal**.

"The collaborative process is very exciting", said Clare, 21, one of the participants. "Everyone put forward their own ideas to come up with the one theme, **Out of My Head**." Together 10 resident artists on staff and around 40 young participants under 28 have been involved on some level in the development of work for the exhibition, which will also feature individual pieces and projections.

The critical battle of the growing individual to manage issues like mental illness, societal prejudices, family hardships and the misuse of drugs and alcohol inspires the work. The centerpiece installation is an outsize ganglia/neuron station representing the thunderstorms and lightning-struck inspirations of the brain. The second group-devised installation features footwear: shoes, boots and sneakers layered with the vivid and maddening detritus of life. The venue will be filled with sounds created in the **Artful Dodgers** music studios under the **Living Music** program.

**Artful Dodgers Studios** has mentored young artists (15 to 28) from marginalised backgrounds through the respected **Gateway** program of Jesuit Social Services at 1 Langridge Street, near the corner of Smith Street, Collingwood, since 1995. Professional staff include visual artists **Alison Burton**, **Zoe Horsfall** and **Forest Keegel**, musicians **Abby Dobson (Leonardo's Bride)**, **Charles Jenkins (Icecream Hands)**, **John Favaro (The Badloves)**, **Natalie Allison (Vanessa Amarosi)** and **Andrew McSweeney (Kutcha Edwards)** as well as dramaturge and Arts & Culture Coordinator **Rebecca Lister** and multi-media honchos **Justin Schmidt** and **Tim Osborn**.

**Out Of My Head** will be one of the first exhibitions in the City of Melbourne's new Signal creative arts studio for young people near Sandridge Bridge, Northbank, behind Flinders Street Station. Wheelchair access is available from Banana Alley,

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