

## ***Melting POT – 15 French and Australian Ceramic Artists*** **Manningham Gallery                      24February – 13 March 2010**

Brewing ideas for their artistic and cross cultural exchange a group of Australian and French ceramic artists have come together for this major event to be held at Manningham Gallery in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne Australia.

In 2007 Manningham Gallery held an exhibition titled “Made in France”, and ran a public program that incorporated French ceramic artists including Christian Faillat, Yves Gaget and more. From this initial exhibition the relationship between these ceramic artists has grown with the sharing of ideas, experiences, techniques and the strong connection that reflects both countries enthusiasm for ceramics. This past exhibition was an enriching experience for many people in Melbourne and beyond to see the work of the French ceramic artists alongside Australian ceramicists.

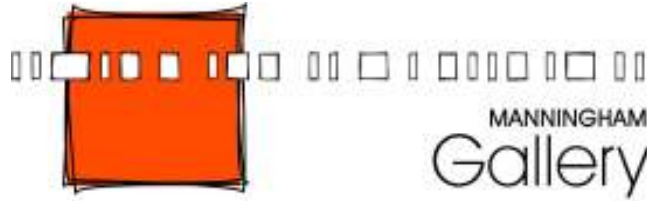
With this upcoming exhibition artists such as Jean Pierre Thomas, Jean Marc Plantier, Sylvie Ruse Maillard, Yves Gaget, Christian Faillat, Brigitte Long and Maryse Tavernier will be promoting the ceramics from their homeland. The artists are committed to supporting the exhibition with demonstrations, workshops and promotions through the gallery and well established and highly successful Warrandyte Pottery Expo. The French artists have invited eight Australian ceramic artists to exhibit alongside them at Manningham. They have selected artists with whom they have made a connection, either in France or in Australia, and have felt a strong personal response to their work.

The exhibiting Australian artists are: Jane Annois, Rob Barron, Vicki Grima, Sandy Lockwood, Veronique Pengilley, Ric and Judy Pierce and Yuri Wiedenhofer.

Contributing to the exhibition will be Jenny John with her fine and pen and ink drawings and John Douth’s photographs, both with their interpretations of their time spent with these French artists in France.

Manningham Gallery has committed to hosting this exhibition through many ways including free gallery hire with support of the gallery staff, promotions through the gallery’s marketing unit, including development, design and distribution of the invitations and the media release (hardcopy and electronic). The gallery will also support the public program and staging of an opening for the exhibition.

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- Each ceramic artist will have 2 square metres for display. Plinths of various heights and size are available. Special requirements for installation are to be provided by the artist.
- Please supply artist contact details, an updated CV, artist statement, image of the artist in their studio and one professional image of an artwork to be included in the exhibition and for promotional purposes by 14 December 2009.
- Commission on sales will be 20% plus GST. Manningham Gallery will confirm commission breakdown with the artist prior to the opening.
- Delivery of work no later than 10 February 2010.
- Please provide details of the work with delivery:
  - Artist:
  - Title:
  - Dimensions:
  - Medium:
  - Technique:
  - Price (inc GST)
- Installation of the exhibition by Manningham Gallery will be Monday 22 February 2010.
- The opening will be from 6-8pm on Wednesday 24 February 2010.
- All artists are invited to participate in the Pottery Expo at Warrandyte on 27 and 28 February at a fee of \$150 per stand. Please contact Jane Annois if interested.
- On the evening of Friday 26 February, there will be a French "soiree" at Manningham Gallery, with a performance by French jazz group *Ruth Rosham and Tango Noir* at 8pm.

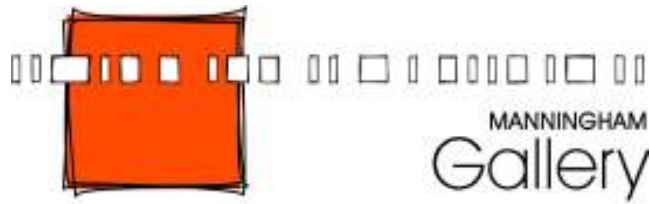
We look forward to this exchange and celebration of ceramics from Australia and France, and hope to share these events with a broad audience.

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