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The DREAMS exhibition has been developed by members of the Auburn Artists Network (previously the Auburn Artists Society) with the support of the Peacock Gallery and Auburn City Council.

Exploring the theme, the artists use a variety of art forms and mediums in response to DREAMS. The artists have tapped into Auburn's unconsciousness to present a contemporary dreamscape to a theme that has provoked both personal and cultural responses.

The group meet on a regular basis with opportunities for networking, sharing arts information, discussions with industry guest speakers, and professional development, as well as an annual exhibition. The Auburn Artists Network is an open group and welcomes new members including hobbyists and artists at all stages of their careers. For more information about the Auburn Artists Network please contact 9735 1222 or go to www.auburn.nsw.gov.au

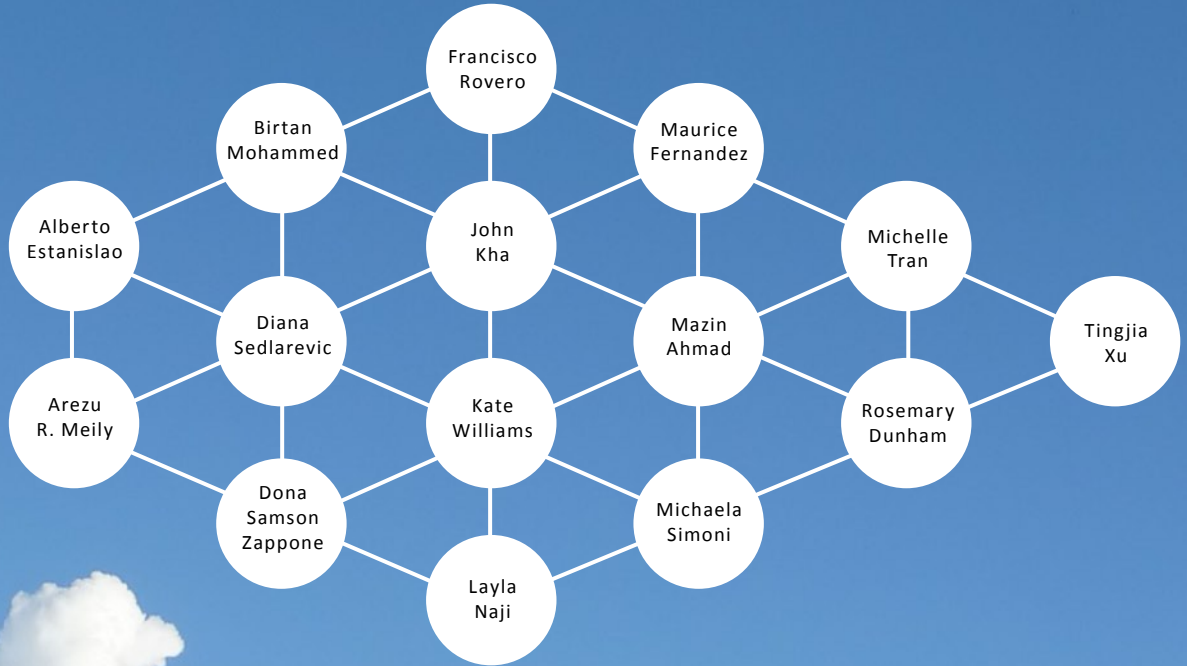
The Auburn Artists Network hope you enjoy the insight that this exhibition offers into their dreams. They invite you to join them for ARTISTS IN THE GARDENS - bring along an easel or sketch pad and spend time with them creating art work in the Auburn Botanic Gardens, or visit and talk with them on the day.

WHAT: Artists in the Gardens

WHERE: Auburn Botanic Gardens

WHEN: Sunday 16 October, 12-3pm and Saturday 22 October, 12-3pm (cancelled if raining)

WHO: Everyone welcome to join in or visit



ALBERTO ESTANISLAO

Shining Through

Oil on canvas

50cm x 50cm



Ambition, success, fulfilment. These are just a few words to describe a person's dream of gaining something by looking at the brighter side of the future. The blue swish symbolises a person's search for the answers by looking at the white square, which is the window to success. The blue line around the white window is the reflection of the person itself that is shining through the future.

AREZU R. MEILY

Maral

Photomedia
50cm x 30cm



A work exploring the lost identity of the new generation trapped in a self-silhouette; only dreaming of a free life.

A dream that ends with the death of the dream.

A generation searching for their lost identity through their past and through dreaming of a synthetic future, their present being their motionless shadow.

BIRTAN MOHAMMED

Peace, Love, Friendship, Hope

Acrylic on canvas

40cm x 40cm



I dream of my country having love, peace, friendship and hope. I hope it will be like that in reality, not just in my dreams.

DIANA SEDLAREVIC

***I Have a Dream...That One Day I Will
Find Peace in My Soul***

Acrylic on board

34cm x 34cm



For me, dreams are reflections of reality.
I hope, that one day, instead of nightmares
I will find serenity in myself and have
dreams about a green landscape - peace.

DONA SAMSON ZAPPONE

Artsy Femme

Sculpture

23.5cm x 30.5cm x 29.5cm



We artists from all walks of life do have that certain “je ne sais quoi” which makes us unique. My vision is my dream sculpture, it portrays the writer, artist and storyteller in me and a sprinkle of words and images.

FRANCISCO ROVERO

Portrait of Broken Dreams

Oil on canvas

50cm x 50cm



So many different dreams yet not one sums up to reality. It's always mixed, it's never concrete. It's full of different emotions, so many stories to tell. All seems to pass away, just like a dream.

JOHN KHA

Claustral

Photograph
40cm x 50cm



The secluded canyons of the Blue Mountains beckon to those who dare dream. Streaks of light reach out to the weary traveller and awaken their soul, to be born again.

KATE WILLIAMS

A Peaceful Dream

Progresso and charcoal on paper

50cm x 50cm



A Peaceful Dream depicts a young woman sleeping on a whimsical device that floats her through the night sky. The artwork is a reflection of your nicest dream, one that leaves behind a sense of peace and harmony.

LAYLA NAJI

Dream

Acrylic on canvas

40cm x 30cm



I dream about people at
that spot of the earth,
who were there but not
anymore, and I wish to
have another second,
minute with them,
holding their hands,
walking along...and I
know that I will not see
them again...and I know
that they will not come
back...

MAURICE FERNANDEZ

Restoration

Oil on canvas
50cm x 40cm



This is a painting of people restoring a construction site which existed many years ago. It is their dream to bring back to life what the original inventors had once envisaged. Their exertions are a way of maintaining our heritage and not letting our past inventions be forgotten. The present generation needs to learn to keep the dreams from the past alive to enable them to create the future, and in doing so create a link between the past and the future.

MAZIN AHMAD

The Bull

Cement and black honey

20cm x 20cm x 5cm



Strength, ability and wisdom this is the bull who infiltrates the alleys of my dreams taking me towards the ancient civilizations to live days of Babylonian legends and enter Ishtar Gate sitting on his back grabbed the horns, filled my soul with his strength, ability and wisdom.

MICHAELA SIMONI

***Contemplating Life
Surrounded by Nature***

Acrylic on paper
32cm x 32cm x 32cm



I have decided to paint on a light shade because the picture then takes on another dimension. The scene flows around the sphere. The painting can then be used a functional item by letting the light pass through it. I painted a mythical girl reflecting on her life in Auburn Gardens and Sydney Harbour. When one is reflecting one enters a dreamlike state cutting out the distracting day to day concerns.

MICHELLE TRAN

Tempus Fugit

Mixed media

33cm x 47cm x 6cm



WHEN will Michelle and
Melissa's grand UK tour
Come to fruition?

ROSEMARY DUNHAM

Mithila Dreams

Poster colour
26cm x 38cm



Mithila artists are an all women artists group from India. This work is inspired by recurring dreams of India - one such dream is set in Mithila where women paint devotional paintings to the Hindu pantheon of Gods and Goddesses.

Using the style and colour commonly used by the women artists, I have depicted the Snake Goddess who shows herself during the harvest, representing both destruction and regeneration. It is thought that, in the process of shedding her skin, the snake is reborn.

TINGJIA XU

Group Kung Fu Fan

Photograph

40cm x 29.7cm



Kung Fu Fan Group
activities give me strength
in both performance and
music. It is always my
dream to return to this
activity, to find the time.



Perchance to...

*Charcoal sketch of night
stars dot the canvas
silence dense as molasses
like a sweet black hole
dreams nudge horizons
beyond barriers of sound
and light-years of solitude*

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AUBURN POETS AND WRITERS GROUP

At the exhibition opening event members of the Auburn Poets and Writers Group performed specially written poetry that explores their individual dreamscapes. They were joined by ACDN's Auburn Poet Laureate for 2011, Sheryl Persson. Sheryl's poems respond directly to the artworks in the 'Dreams' exhibition.

The Auburn Poets and Writers Group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at ACDN in Auburn. Members form a dynamic multilingual group and welcome new members and visitors.

For more information call Auburn Community Development Network (ACDN) on 9649 5559.



AUBURN COMMUNITY CHOIR

FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO SING -

No auditions or experience necessary. New members welcome.

Lead by Lara Barazi-Clingan, the choir performed songs at the art exhibition opening that included “Dreams” themes.

The newly formed choir is exploring some of the choral classics as well as pursuing a number of different avenues and tapping into the diverse backgrounds and musical experiences of its members.

The choir meets:

WHEN: Every Tuesday during school terms

TIME: 7pm-9pm

WHERE: Auburn Centre for Community, Corner of Macquarie Rd and Hutchinson St, Auburn

WHO:- Everyone welcome, come along and have some fun

For more information call 9735 1222

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Visit the Peacock Gallery and Auburn Arts Studio at the Auburn Botanic Gardens.

To be added to the mailing list or to learn how to get involved contact Jenny Cheeseman, Auburn City Council's Community Development Officer - Arts Programs, on 9735 1396 or email jenny.cheeseman@auburn.nsw.gov.au



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