



Spark Studio News

December 2008



Christmas greetings everyone

Another year has flown by and we are well into planning our programmes for next year. 2008 at Spark Studio was very successful with two exciting new classes (Language through Art and The Printed Image) and the continuation of the Visual Arts Focus Group and our regular open sessions. The progress and maturing of students' art work is a direct consequence of the in-depth teaching aspects of the new programmes.

Our exhibition '*i Speak!*' at Corban Estate Arts Centre was a wonderful opportunity to present to the general public the achievements of the year for two of the classes. See the photos below. 2009 will be another very busy year with a new class starting – The Art of Theatre and our other classes continuing.

Students, families and caregivers will receive the 2009 programme when we have the timetable confirmed – there may be some changes for those used to regular days as we juggle new classes. All students will be contacted around the middle of January to arrange their class days and times.



David Candy shows tutor Ian Moore his book before the exhibition.



An exhibition print by Jarrau Rapihana



Opening night at the exhibition.

Spark Studio Exhibition at Corban Estate Arts Centre

The exhibition, which runs until December 14th, is the culmination of a year's work for students of the Language through Art and The Printed Image. Up to 100 people packed the gallery on opening night to admire and purchase the beautiful framed prints and handmade books. Thanks to the CEAC curators the art works looked stunning and many prints were snapped up. It was a deservedly proud moment for students, tutors, family and friends. We hope you all have a chance to see it.

New Programme- The Art of Theatre

We are delighted to announce the Tertiary Education Commission is funding a new class called The Art of Theatre which will be a year long programme exploring mask making, puppetry, theatre arts, object art and installation performance based on themes of 'self identity in relation to community'. The course will introduce the students to three dimensional work, different art making techniques using such media as Paper-mache, wire and fabric.

This is a further research project developing material for our long term goal of offering a fully integrated programme .

Spark Studio and Focus 2000 Silent Art Auction

Many superb paintings by the artists from Focus 2000 who attend Spark Studio were exhibited and sold at a silent art auction on November 29th.

Held at Focus 2000, the evening included a cabaret style show organized by Paula Crimmins and was timed to coincide with Disability Awareness Day.

Sally Legg, studio coordinator, and Amy McDonald, tutor at Spark, collated the paintings and in all 22 art works were sold by the fourteen artists, raising over \$1,200.

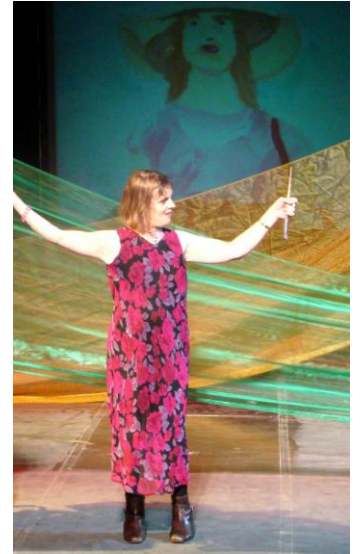
The evening was a wonderful celebration in art, music, dance and performance and was enjoyed immensely.



On the right Allyson Hamblett performs in front of organza banners and her own self portrait.

The vibrant painting on the left is Awapuni School by Lynette Loye.

Both artists are from Spark Studio and their works were sold



Events planned in 2009

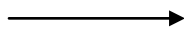
Major Art Auction: Early next year we will be organizing a major auction of paintings and prints by students of Spark Studio. This will be an excellent showcase for students and an opportunity to sell their works.

Spark Studio on TV3: Morningside Productions has been filming a documentary on our art students which we hope will be shown on TV3 Open Door programme next year – keep an eye out for it!

A book to be published on Spark Studio: A beautiful full-colour book is being produced on Spark Studio and the works from the Language through Art and The Printed Image programmes. Copies will be available to all students when classes resume next year. This book is funded by Tertiary Education Commission.

We will tell you more about these events when we have all the details.

Students and tutors from the Language through Art class obviously enjoyed their times together this year.



Dates to Remember

**Last day of classes for 2008 is:
Wednesday December 17th.**

**First day of classes for 2009 is:
Tuesday February 3rd (to be confirmed).**

