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A Record Number of Australian Artists to Exhibit in Venice

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Sonia Leber and David Chesworth "Zaum Tractor," 2013, 2 channel HD video, 2 channel audio, 26 minutes (Video still)

The Australia Council for the Arts has announced that a record total of 46 Australian artists have been invited to exhibit at the 56th Venice Biennale across multiple venues, including seven in the official curated program. Internationally acclaimed curator and art critic **Okwui Enwezor** has included works by **Daniel Boyd**, **Emily Floyd**, **Marco Fusinato**, **Newell Harry**, **Sonia Leber** and **David Chesworth**, and the late **Emily Kame Kngwarreye** in the Biennale's centrepiece International Art Exhibition, "All the World's Futures."

In addition to the seven Australian artists in "All the World's Futures," more than 30 Australian Indigenous artists will exhibit in the official collateral exhibition "Country," six Australian artists will present work in the exhibition "Personal Structures," one Australian artist has been invited to exhibit in the group exhibition of glass works, "Glasstress 2015 Gotik," and Australia's representative at this year's Venice Biennale, **Fiona Hall**, will present "Wrong Way Time" in the new Australian Pavilion.

"This is an incredible result, one that raises Australia's international profile and demonstrates the quality of work coming from our visual arts sector. This international recognition highlights the global interest in Australian art, and marks an impressive year for Australian

visual art and artists” said Mr **Tony Grybowski**, Chief Executive of the Australia Council for the Arts.

Australian Commissioner **Simon Mordant AM** said “the Venice Biennale is the most prestigious event for contemporary visual arts globally. The 56th Venice Biennale is an important milestone for Australia, with Fiona Hall’s exhibition Wrong Way Time being the first exhibition presented in the new Australian Pavilion, opening not just a beautiful new building but a new chapter for Australian design and visual arts internationally.”

The 56th International Art Exhibition will take place in Venice in the Giardini and Arsenale venues from May 9 to November 22, 2015.



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