



EXPERIMENTA UTOPIA NOW

INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL OF MEDIA ART

the Arts Centre, BlackBox / 12 FEB - 14 MAR 2010

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Visit *Experimenta Utopia Now* - A FREE innovative and interactive media art exhibition.

Experimenta Utopia Now International Biennial of Media Art chases the dream of a perfect world. Showcasing more than 35 works from countries including Australia, Japan, Austria, India, Germany, Canada, France, Taiwan and the UK, *Experimenta Utopia Now* critiques the scope for happiness on earth as we know it, pokes fun at social and physical boundaries and questions the human race's ability to preserve itself.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

FORUM:

Paradise Lost or Utopia Regained? Interactive media art now - FREE!

Public Forum chaired by Darren Tofts (Professor of Media and Communications, Swinburne University of Technology and a leading academic in the field of media art).

Australian and international artists explore the opportunities for interactive art to take us into uncharted territories, ask some tough questions about the current state of media art in the twenty-first century and ponder the future of the medium.

Panel members include interactive media artists: Van Sowerwine (Australia), Christa Sommerer (Austria), Niklas Roy (Germany), David Kousemaker (Amsterdam), Jean Dubois (Canada) and Matthew Gingold (Australia) > **Date:** Friday 12 February 2010 > **Time:** 6pm for a 6:15pm start – 7:45pm > **Venue:** Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Studio 1, Federation Square

WORKSHOPS:

Experimenta Artist Lab - presented by Australian artists Jesse Stevens and Tim Humphrey

Experimenta Artist Lab is a space for innovation, experimentation, creative collaboration and learning new skills. The 'workshop' style lab is designed to give artists, designers and other creative types the tools and skills they need to move their existing practice into the interactive realm by introducing them to the basic technology needed to produce physically interactive artworks.

Date: Sunday 21 February 2010 > **Time:** 10:00am – 5:00pm > **Venue:** Signal, Flinders Walk, Northbank, Melbourne (Behind Flinders St Station towards Sandridge Bridge) > **Age group:** 18+ (no experience with microcontrollers/sensors needed) > **Cost:** \$85 (lunch and workshop materials provided)

Sonic Vibrations – presented by international media artist Niklas Roy (Germany)

Blend everyday objects with the power of basic tech to create and take home a fully functioning sonic manipulator. Plug straight into your new baby amp (provided by Experimenta) and produce some hot new tunes.

Date: Saturday 13 February 2010 > **Time:** 10:00am – 5:00pm > **Venue:** Signal, Flinders Walk, Northbank, Melbourne (Behind Flinders St Station towards Sandridge Bridge) > **Age Group:** 13 – 20yrs > **Cost:** \$50 (lunch and workshop materials provided).



Adad Hannah & Niklas Roy
International Dance Party 2007 (installation view)
Interactive installation
Image courtesy of the artists

Bookings for all Workshops essential:

Call 03 9650 9977 or email experimenta@experimenta.org

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