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Crystal Palace

In its latest venture Flinders University Art Museum (FUAM) presents a knockout exhibition. Curated by Lisa Harms and featuring new work by local and interstate artists Morgan Allender, Troy-Anthony Baylis, Domenico de Clario, Lisa Gorton, Siarmak Fallah, Julie Henderson, Brigid Noone, Lee Salomone and Sera Waters.

Evocatively titled Crystal Palace, the exhibition also incorporates historical material from collections held by Flinders University, South Australian Museum and Santos Museum of Economic Botany, Botanic Gardens of Adelaide.

FUAM Director, Fiona Salmon, said the project represents one of its most conceptually and logistically ambitious in recent years:

“Pivoting on metaphors and legacies of the original Crystal Palace erected in London’s Hyde Park to house The Great Exhibition of 1851, Harms’ project offers poignant post-colonial readings around the idea of sovereignty.”

Newly commissioned work includes painting, sculpture, installation, performance, sound and video.

“In its final incarnation the exhibition also involves a complete transformation of the gallery space in ways that aim to challenge the conventions of museological display and offer audiences a completely immersive experience”, she said.

The exhibition is accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue, a suite of online videos and program of free floortalks with the artists.

Crystal Palace was developed over a period of 12 months with the support of Arts SA through the New Exhibitions Fund.

Presented for the South Australian Living Artists Festival Crystal Palace runs from 27 July until 29 September 2013 at Flinders University City Gallery, State Library of South Australia. The exhibition will be officially launched by Alan Smith, Director State Library of South Australia on Friday 26 July at 6pm and will include a live performance by Domenico de Clario.

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