

MEDIA RELEASE

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Canberra's young people investigate the Human Condition at Tuggeranong Arts Centre

Canberra region schools and young performers have embraced the opportunity to interact with the exhibition of *Another Day in Paradise* through Tuggeranong Arts Centre's suite of public programs, titled *The Human Condition*.

Another Day in Paradise showcases the work of Myuran Sukumaran, who was executed in Bali in 2015, and five contemporary Australian artists whose works respond to the death penalty and profile human rights. *The Human Condition* encourages the community to explore the challenging themes and questions emerging from the exhibition.

The Centre is operating guided tours for school groups, and in some cases these tours are being led by student volunteers from Narrabundah College and Lake Tuggeranong College.

CEO Rauny Worm is thrilled with the level of interest and the insightful questions raised by the students who have participated so far. She says:

"Sukumaran's paintings and story offer rich and powerful stimulus for discussion and reflection on their own. But the responses from young people, whether in words, music, visual art or movement, add another dimension to the experience. It is really exciting to extend this opportunity to young people across Canberra and to share their thoughtful and moving responses with the wider community."

A Vigil for the Moon, a concert featuring young local performers, will run in TAC's 110 seat theatre on Saturday 17 March. The concert will feature performances from the Woden Valley Youth Choir's Australis Voices and Spectra Vocal Ensemble, as well as dancers from the Fresh Funk program and poetry readings from Lake Tuggeranong College students.

Orana Steiner School's senior drama students have chosen to respond to *Another Day in Paradise* with a dramatic piece named *Skin and Bone*, which will be performed in the Gallery on April 5 at 6pm and April 7 at 3pm.

Entries are rolling in for *Word Portraits*, a competition for young people to create a self-portrait in words. The winners will be announced on Sunday 29 April. For the artistically minded, the *My Human Condition* art award offers local young people the opportunity to create a self portrait in the medium of their choice.

Full details of *The Human Condition* can be found on the Tuggeranong Arts Centre website.

Where: Tuggeranong Arts Centre, 137 Reed Street, Greenway ACT 2900

When: 2 March – 29 April

Who: Tuggeranong Arts Centre, Rauny Worm, Canberra region schools

The Arts Centre's full 2018 program can be found online at www.tuggeranongarts.com.