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Noosa Regional Gallery announces the opening of a highly anticipated group exhibition exploring the dynamics of ceramics

The first in a highly anticipated exhibition series, *The Curious Novice* opens to visitors on Saturday 13 July at Noosa Regional Gallery.

In a survey exhibition exploring the continuous creative development of the medium of clay, *The Curious Novice* assembles a selection of six emerging and established ceramicists.

Featuring the works of Sunshine Coast potters Dennis Forshaw, Angus McDiarmid, and Anwen Thomas, alongside Queensland-based artists Claudia deSalvo, Pimparat Tantisukarom, and Laura Cope, the exhibition probes dual perspectives of creator and user.

Inviting visitors to join the process of creative exploration; the exhibition highlights the exciting prospect of art's most tactile and malleable medium in an immersive experience designed to transport visitors into a world of infinite possibilities and wonder.

"This exhibition offers extraordinary insight into process and form, but most interestingly, into the seemingly compulsive ambition of individual practitioners," says Gallery Director Michael Brennan.

Through exploring the notion that ceramics represents more than mere objects, *The Curious Novice* dives into the metaphysical connection between the artist, the medium, the object, the recipient, and the user.

Says exhibition Curator Nicole Maggs; "The real-time connection between maker and object reveals the excitement of material transformation. Culminating in the final presentation to the user; while dissimilar, the various experiences of clay as a material are explored in unexpected ways, leaving visitors to consider *Who is The Curious Novice?*"

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THE CURIOUS NOVICE will run from 13 Jul to 8 Sep 2024. Entry to the exhibition is free. Visit: www.noosaregionalgallery.com.au

Join us for the official opening event featuring a morning High Tea and live music by Strings Dreaming- a musical trio performing classical to modern covers in a 'Bridgerton'

style, at the Gallery on Saturday 13 Jul from 10am – 12pm. Free tickets are available via the Gallery website. Bookings essential.

Image: Dennis Forshaw, reduction Matt-glazed vessel. Photo by Jennifer Dean.

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