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LIGHT, PUBLIC SPACE & MEDIA ART FORUMS

'Light is a messenger', Thursday 6 March 2008, 2.30-5.00pm, Elder Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide. We are pleased to be partnering with Science Outside the Square to bring you two 'enlightening' sessions as part of the Adelaide Festival's Artists' Week.

Hosted by ABC Radio National's 'All in the Mind' presenter Natasha Mitchell, this two-part event brings together some of Australia's top artists & scientists to discuss the **physics**, aesthetics & cultural ideas associated with light.

Session 1: Seeing the light, 2.30-3.30pm

Just what is light & what makes it such a source of fascination to artists & scientists alike? Join **Natasha Mitchell, Prof Tanya Monro** & leading South Australian artist **Robert Hannaford** as together they explore the perception, underst&ing & manipulation of light.

Session 2: Tripping the light fantastic, 4.00-5.00pm

Artists & scientists each manipulate light for their own end. This final Artists' Week panel brings together artist-scientist collaborators **Paula Dawson**, **Prof Philip Wilksch**, **Chris Henschke** & **Dr Steve Gower**, to discuss their investigations & interactions at the cutting-edge of the art & science of light.

You are invited to join Elliott Bledsoe from Creative Commons Australia in a discussion on Open Source Licensing, Public Space & Creativity.

The event is on from <u>10am - 12pm on **Wednesday 5**th **March** at the Adelaide Festival Centre Artspace, off King William Street, Adelaide.</u>

Presented by Carclew Youth Arts in association with the Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts & the Australian Network for Art & Technology. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding & advisory body.

The <u>Synergy Project Forum</u>, Friday March 7, 2 - 4pm, Lecture theatre HH 3-08 - University of SA – City West Campus, North Terrace, Adelaide.

The forum will discuss **interdisciplinary processes & creative exchange** within the discipline of media arts. Experts in their specific fields will give talks about their practice & their experience working collaboratively within a technological environment & how technology might inform or hinder the artistic/collaborative process.

Speakers for the forum are; Ross Bencina (VIC), Matthew Gardiner (VIC), Deb Polson (QLD), Fee Plumley (UK), Melinda Rackham (SA) and Danielle Wilde (VIC).

The **Synergy Project** is a **Helpmann Academy** funded media arts forum/workshop. All enquires to Lynne Sanderson on **Lynne.Sanderson@tafesasouth.org** or **0412 070 910**.

All events are FREE - no bookings required

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