

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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# IT STARTS WITH ART

## Blue Apple Art Studios Celebrating 100 years



Blue Apple Studios in partnership with Grace Cossington Smith Gallery and Abbotsleigh School are hosting this celebratory exhibition of artworks by artists who attend Unisson Disability Blue Apple Art Studios.

Blue Apple Art Studios is a collaborative art space in Terrey Hills, located in a tranquil bush setting. This light filled, modern and accessible art space is a place for people of all ages and abilities to explore their creativity.

Blue Apple Art Studios is a program of Unisson Disability. Unisson formally Sunshine, has been providing quality support services for people with disability for almost 100 years. In addition to Blue Apple Art Studios, Unisson's services include home and living supports, social and community services, supported employment and support coordination.

Blue Apple Art Studios was created to provide creative opportunities for artists with disability, to express themselves through art and learn new creative skills. Class sizes are small with an individualised approach, giving people the best opportunity to work with trained professionals to create something unique.

'It starts with Art' showcases the talents of the artists and the diversity of their artmaking. The exhibition explores the natural flora and fauna that surrounds the Blue Apple art studio space, nestled in the bush, as well as reflecting on the inspiration and creative journey of the artists, over their years at Unisson.

To be opened by Rebecca Fletcher  
Interim CEO of Unisson Disability.  
Saturday 15 April at 2pm

 Grace  
CossingtonSmithGallery  
Abbotsleigh,  
Gate 7 1666 Pacific Highway,  
Wahroonga NSW 2076

Gallery opening times:  
Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm  
Closed Easter weekend

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High resolution images are available.

The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery is a not-for-profit gallery, run by Abbotsleigh, serving the public through free admission and a changing exhibition program. Enter via Gate 7 1666 Pacific Highway Wahroonga.

The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery respects and acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land as the First People and Custodians of this country.

Short Statement

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Blue Apple Art Studios supports artists, and is part of Unisson Disability. Unisson, formerly Sunshine, has been providing services to people with disability for almost 100 years.

This exhibition showcases works across a number of mediums, including paint, paper making, ceramics and print making.



Brett Ferguson ceramic burger 1



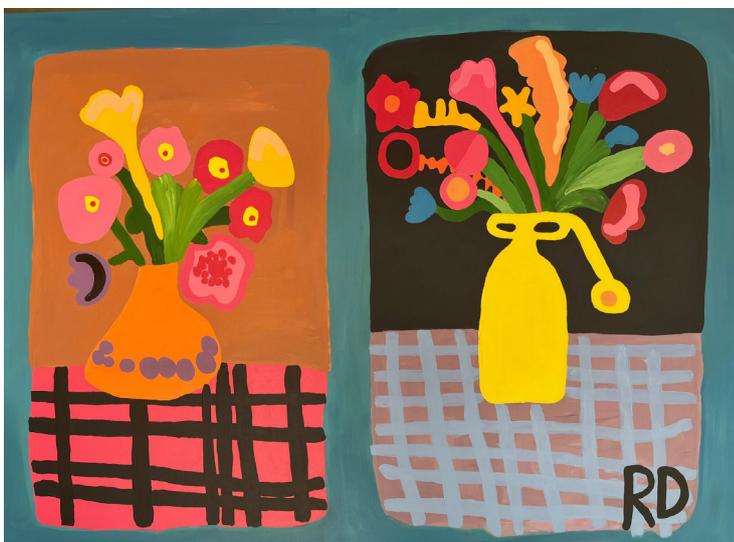
Suzanne Sorrell - ceramic bird plate 1



Jack Randall- ceramic garden



Brett Ferguson, *On the way to Mollymook*, acrylic on canvas



Rebecca Dixon Any colour flowers



Leanne Christian - woven bowl series