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Helpmann Academy Internship at the SAMSTAG Museum

The Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art is offering an inaugural Helpmann Academy Internship to support its staff with the presentation of programs and visitor services, including the development of a major Indigenous exhibition in February 2011.

The twelve-month internship – commencing in March 2010 - is open to all Helpmann Academy partner school graduates up to five years out of study.

“This is a great opportunity for a highly motivated person to gain experience in one of South Australia’s most prominent art museums,” says Alison Dunn, Helpmann Academy CEO. “We know internships have the power to shape creative lives as well as provide hands-on experience of the day-to-day running of a major arts organisation. We are also hoping that being part of such an important exhibition will assist the successful candidate to make a contribution to contemporary Indigenous art practice well beyond the life of the internship.”

“The Helpmann Academy Intern position will provide an exceptional professional and educational experience, offering meaningful learning opportunities and quality on-the-job experiences to graduates who are interested in a careers in the arts,” says Erica Green, Director, Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, University of South Australia. “The initiative to establish an Internship at the Samstag Museum complements the University of South Australia’s commitment to educating professionals, creating and applying knowledge and engaging our communities.”

The Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art opened in late 2007 and is one of Australia’s leading university museums. It was named in honour of two significant benefactors to Australian visual arts culture and celebrates their influential relationship with UniSA. A University of South Australia Art Collection is developed and managed through the Samstag Museum of Art, including works by South Australian artists, Aboriginal bark paintings and South Australian ceramics.

The Helpmann Academy for the Visual & Performing Arts assists emerging artists to make the leap into professional practice, by providing a range of programs and opportunities including exhibitions, awards, grants, mentorships and international exchanges. The seven partner schools that make up the Academy are the Adelaide College of the Arts and Vizarts O’Halloran Hill (tafeSA); Adelaide Central School of Art; Elder Conservatorium of Music (University of Adelaide); Flinders Drama & Screen Production (Flinders University) and South Australian School of Art (UniSA).

Applications close Friday 15 January, 2010. A complete position description and application details can be found online at www.unisa.edu.au/workingatunisa

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