

22 September-10 October 2004

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***SHELTER* is a collaborative exhibition which shows us home within the human spirit at this year's Festival.**

**Free event: *SHELTER***

**Location: National Gallery of Victoria (forecourt) 180 St Kilda Road**

**Dates: 28 September to 10 October, 11am to 11pm daily**

*Shelter* is a collaboration between leading architect Sean Godsell, The Artful Dodgers Studio, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and Melbourne Fringe. *Shelter* is a free Melbourne Fringe produced event as part of this year's Melbourne Fringe Festival.

In this large-scale public exhibition located on the NGV International forecourt *Shelter* combines architecture, design, digital media, photography and film in an unmistakable structure designed by Sean Godsell. Built upon the wisdom and experience of established Melbourne artists and marginalised young and elderly people, *Shelter* will surprise you with it's response to ideas of 'home' and what it represents to those living on the fringe of society. The artwork and digital design exhibited within the structure changes throughout the exhibition.

Melbourne Fringe believes that festivals and the arts have the power and responsibility to create innovative, compelling events that inspire discussion around social issues by presenting high profile, thought provoking artworks throughout the festival. *Shelter* responds to the issues surrounding homelessness, social isolation and affordable housing.

As part of the Shelter project, Melbourne Fringe will hold two forums at NGV International based on themes of home and homelessness and the collaborative process undertaken to produce Shelter.

#### **Shelter collaborators**

Producer - Melbourne Fringe

Community Collaborators - The Brotherhood of St Laurence

Architect - Sean Godsell

Community Artists - The Artful Dodgers Studio, Gateway Program Jesuit Social Services

Film-maker - Amanda Sykes

#### **The Artful Dodgers: Visual Artists/Mentors Susan Reddrop and Jeff Stewart**

The Artful Dodgers Studio in Collingwood is a program within the Jesuit Social Services Initiative, Gateway. Gateway combines personal skill development, education, vocational training, therapeutic programs and direct coaching and counseling to help at-risk young people to reconnect with their community, family and peers.

#### **Sean Godsell - Architect**

Melbourne architect, Sean Godsell has won awards across the globe for his innovative and socially aware designs. His work has been shown in New York, Paris, Denmark, Switzerland and London. His work was featured in the ABC TV documentary 'In the Mind of the Architect'. In July 2002 the influential English design magazine *wallpaper* listed him as one of ten people destined to 'change the way we live'. He was the only Australian and the only Architect in the group.

Full biographies of artists are available upon request.

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