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Made by Melbourne Fringe

FRINGE FURNITURE

Dancing in the Dark: Small Solutions to Big Problems

A stalwart of the Melbourne Fringe Festival, Fringe Furniture is Australia's most popular showcase for new and innovative ideas in art, craft, furniture and design.

An open-access event where designers, architects, planners and artists from across Australia are invited to register and present their works for exhibition, Fringe Furniture has, in its 26 year history, proven to be an accurate and relevant barometer for emerging talent, trends and ideas in interior design and architecture.

This year **Neal Harvey**, Creative Producer for Melbourne Fringe, has challenged artists and designers to find inspiration from the Bruce Springsteen hit song *Dancing in the Dark*.

"It's a song," Harvey says, "about frustration. About wanting something, but not knowing what that something is. And what do you do with those feelings? Bruce suggests you dance in the dark. It's a small solution to a big problem".

Fringe Furniture is part of the Festival's **Made by Melbourne Fringe** program, a series of free cultural events curated by Melbourne Fringe to complement its world-famous open access program.

This year, the work of over 45 designers will be exhibited at Fringe Furniture, with the works of emerging artists presented alongside established practitioners. Past exhibitors include Rivet's David Bourke, Marc Pascal, Chris Connel, Daniel Barbera, Yellow Diva, Jason Lamont and Malte Wagenfeld.

Melbourne Fringe is proud to be partnering with the Abbotsford Convent to present the 2011 Melbourne Fringe Furniture exhibition.

Melbourne Fringe is the leading organisation for the independent arts in Victoria, managing the annual, open access Melbourne Fringe Festival and a series of forums, workshops, events and individual consultations, all aimed at supporting the state's diverse independent artistic community.

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Abbotsford Convent, 1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford

22 September – 8 October, Thursday – Sunday 11:00am – 5:00pm

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