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## Kindred Spirit Poetry at Kinfolk Cafe

**Kindred Spirit is a show combining poetry with a projection of hand-drawn animated images. It is the result of collaboration between two local artists, poet Bronwyn Lovell and animator Alex Scott. Sometimes moving, often amusing, and consistently charming, Kindred Spirit is an intimate poetry reading from Kinfolk Cafe's poet-in-residence.**

It would not be an exaggeration by any means to say that, for me, Australian Poetry's Cafe Poets Program has been life changing.

I have an entry in my notebook from the very first time I ever stepped inside Kinfolk Cafe. It reads, 'How do I make my life goodness and light like this?' At the time, I was working for a big, impersonal company, and I saw in Kinfolk the magic of a socially and ethically responsible, close-knit and vibrant community that I felt I wanted to be part of.

I am extremely lucky in the fact that my cafe poet experience is completely unique because Kinfolk is not your usual business. It is a non-profit cafe, run with the assistance of a team of dedicated volunteer wait staff and the cafe donates all its profits to many worthy community projects both locally and overseas.

Customers can choose to support a capacity-building initiative in Rwanda; an anti-child slavery set-up in Ghana; an education-focused project for young Indigenous Australians; or a local cafe project that pioneers relationship-building and radical inclusion for Melbourne's homeless, marginalized and disenfranchised.

In exchange for use of the cafe as a writing space, I work in collaboration with Kinfolk founders Jarrod Briffa and Asuka Hara to use poetry in creative ways to positively contribute to the cafe's colourful and ever-changing environment and to further develop the growing sense of community.

Perhaps the most important aspect of my development as an artist is my desire to create art with a social conscience and to give back to the community, and becoming the poet-in-residence at Kinfolk Cafe has given me the wonderful opportunity to do this.

"When I was a little girl, I had always wanted to write and draw when I grew up. I am only just now going back to the basics of who I am and doing what I always wanted to do - this show is a result of this process and it's been such a great journey." - Bronwyn Lovell

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**Kindred Spirit**  
VENUE  
Kinfolk Cafe  
673 Bourke St  
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

DATES: 28 Sept  
TIME: 6.15pm (60min)

TICKETS  
Full: \$15.00  
Concession: \$10.00  
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