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The Distance Collective Distance 1

The Distance Collective is a group of seven artists with a common thread – distance. Distance in terms of physical space and artistic practice. The artists live in different locations in NSW and Victoria. They approach their art making through different practices, yet are connected through friendship and an interlaced web of making together over the years. Once upon a time they all lived in Sydney, now technology keeps them together, making their distance, not so distant.

The Distance Collective is FeFiFoFum, Jade Maguire, Sarah Georgopoulos, Sarah McEwan, Tonia Rowe and Vic McEwan.

'Distance 1', is their debut exhibition as a collective. It represents initial explorations into each artists personal ideas about distance as well as the ways in which they relate to each other as a collective separated by time and space.

The idea of distance isn't a new concept, people have been trying to solve the problem of distance since the dawn of time. From feet, to horses to the humble locomotive to the internet, mobile phones and aeroplanes, we can be connected to people any where, any time in our contemporary world.

How does this affect their friendship, art making and working relationship? These are some of the themes explored in this group show.

Sarah McEwan says that, "The Distance Collective was born about three months after I moved from a capital city to a remote country location. I wanted to find a way to engage creatively with the communities I left behind. I have a personal and creative connection with each artist in this collective. In fact we all have this with each other. For me, some connections go back 14 years when we went to art school together. Such a long time creates strong bonds. It's exciting and comforting to work with people who you have that with."

<http://www.brunswickarts.com.au>

The Distance Collective

VENUE

Brunswick Arts Space
2a Little Breese St
Brunswick, Victoria 3056

DATES: Opening: 30 Sept, 6 to 9pm. Live music by Kieran Carroll and DJ FeFiFoFum.
1 Oct - 16 Oct 2011

TIME: Sat, Sun 12.00pm - 5.00pm, Thu, Fri 2.00pm - 6.00pm

TICKETS

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