

MEDIA RELEASE



The Age 2006 Melbourne Fringe Festival invites you to

THE LAUNCH OF MATERIAL WORLD 11am on Thursday 28 September 2006 Fed Square, Melbourne

MATERIAL WORLD is an interactive, community driven visual art installation exploring the experience of asylum seekers who come to Australia.

Devised by Ian Pidd, Alex Sanson and Jessica Wilson for *The Age* 2006 Melbourne Fringe Festival, the installation is the result of collaboration with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Built in response to the experience of seeking asylum in Australia and searching for a 'home', this house and its five rooms invites the public to enter, listen, watch and interact, gaining insight into the journeys asylum seekers have undertaken and the memories and hopes they have brought with them.

MATERIAL WORLD LAUNCH – Running Order

10.55am	Vox Congo music performance
11.00am	Fringe Creative Producer Kath Melbourne introduces Material World
11.04am	Councillor David Wilson, City of Melbourne address
11.08am	Kon Karapanagiotiotidis, CEO Asylum Seeker Resource Centre address
11.12am	Asylum seeker, Lilian address
11.16am	Kath Melbourne thank you
11.20am	Vox Congo performance
11.25am	Post launch artist tours of Material World

The Melbourne Fringe team, Material World artists and participating asylum seekers will be available for interviews and photographs at the launch.

**If you would like to send a photographer or crew please notify
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MATERIAL WORLD LISTING INFORMATION

Venue: St. Paul's Court, Federation Square

Dates: 28 September – 14 October

Tickets: FREE

Further info: www.melbournefringe.com.au

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