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## **Wanted: Extreme Arts Walk M~M seeks Lead Artist For Major Australian Ephemeral Sculpture Commission. Apply within.**

Extreme Arts Walk – M~M is now calling on artists based in Australia or overseas to submit an Expression of Interest for a major \$20,000 Australian Ephemeral Sculpture Commission – called Canoe.

The Canoe Commission has been made possible by funding from the Australia Council for the Arts. As one of most unique ephemeral sculpture commissions now offered in Australia, the Canoe sculpture will be the lead processional image of M~M2016 (Mountain to Mouth) – Geelong's multi-award winning 80km extreme arts walk.

As a biennial "journey of discovery" over two days (6- 7 May 2016), M~M begins at the You Yangs mountain range, crossing Geelong's industrial heartland at nightfall and arriving in the city centre to collide with Geelong After Dark, a night of extreme and unexpected arts.

At dawn the next day, the extreme arts walk continues through the city centre to join the Barwon River, through rolling Bellarine farmland, along ocean beach to reach river mouth at Barwon Heads by sunset.

Geelong Mayor Darryn Lyons said he was looking forward to seeing the Canoe, in action during M~M2016. "M~M is about land and people and it's about art bringing these two together which is fantastic," said Mayor Lyons.

"I encourage local, national and international artists to be part of this major cultural event."

Tasked with a theme of "AIR", the successful applicant will be responsible for the design, build and transport of Canoe and will have experience in the field of processional image making, installation art, and/or three dimensional construction. Collaborations will also be considered for this commission.

City of Greater Geelong Councillor Andy Richards Portfolio Holder for Arts & Culture thanked the Australia Council for the Arts for providing a significant cash contribution to the project.

"M~M is an inspiring and unique event and I am delighted that M~M has received funding from the Australia Council for the Arts. I'd also like to thank our core partners, Deakin University, Corangamite CMA, Borough of Queenscliffe, Karingal, Diversitat and Wadawurrung for their ongoing commitment to the event."

M~M Artistic Director, Meme McDonald said that M~M is a bold artistic gesture in timid times.

“This extreme arts walk anchors us to the land. Canoe will be carried along the 80km route by Geelong ambassadors – an iconic image of journey, of migration, of carrying memory, and carrying the story of this land.”

Expressions of Interest and further information about the commission can be obtained by contacting the M~M Production Team on +61 3 5272 4703 or [mtom@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:mtom@geelongcity.vic.gov.au). Artists are to submit (up to 10) images of previous work, a Curriculum Vitae and a Statement of Interest. Submissions close 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

For more information about the walk and to register, please visit M~M2016's website: [www.mountaintomouth.com.au](http://www.mountaintomouth.com.au). Early Bird tickets now on sale.

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