



Meet the next generation of teens leading AGSA's Neo program in 2021

Adelaide, Australia: The Art Gallery of South Australia introduces its 2021 Neo Ambassador Committee ahead of its first event from of the year. The group of seventeen volunteers will help produce AGSA's dedicated program of six annual events, made possible thanks to the generous support of The Balnaves Foundation.

AGSA Assistant Director, Artistic Programs, Dr Lisa Slade, says, 'We are thrilled to welcome the 2021 teen ambassadors to AGSA's Neo program, that aims to empower and enrich our next generation of artists, leaders and thinkers.'

Since 2016, the Neo program has welcomed 6000 young people from all backgrounds into the Gallery and encouraged self-expression through its dedicated programming and accessible events. The Neo Ambassador Committee will develop skills that are vital to the delivery of Neo, with collaboration, proactivity, and creativity at its core.

Newly appointed Neo Ambassador Committee member Abbey Seyair says, "I'm so excited about the different possibilities that come with being a part of the Neo Ambassador Committee, such as understanding event organisation, embracing the art community and experiencing

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personal growth. In this role I hope to help achieve creating an accepting and fun environment for all teens within the artistic heart of Adelaide.”

The new committee are already underway with their first event **Neo: Colourverse**, which promises a vibrant night of **live music from emerging teen musicians**; artist-led workshops exploring portraiture through the mediums of photography and drawing with local artists **Jasmine Crisp, Rosina Possingham** and **Brianna Speight**; poetry writing in response to iconic works of art in the Elder Wing of Australian Art; plus many more immersive experiences.

Held six times a year, Neo is presented for **free**, in partnership with The Balnaves Foundation and is a dynamic, long-term strategy to engage thirteen to seventeen-year-olds. Young audiences are provided with their own social space, music, refreshments and art-led activities at the events.

Neo: Colourverse will be held in the Gallery on **Saturday 20 February** from 6 – 8:30pm. **Registration** for this event is essential. Book online through the AGSA website, [here](#).

For more information on Neo visit:

agsa.sa.gov.au/whats-on/ongoing-programs/neo/

About The Balnaves Foundation

The Balnaves Foundation is a private philanthropic organisation established in 2006 by Neil Balnaves AO. The Foundation aims to create a better Australia through education, medicine and the arts, with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and Indigenous Australia.

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