



***Radical Textiles* public programs announced**

Adelaide, Australia: A major new exhibition, *Radical Textiles* will launch at the Art Gallery of South Australia on Saturday 23 November alongside a calendar of programs and events that explore fashion, feminism, craft, sustainability and more. Hear from artists and fashion designers including Nell, Kay Lawrence, Jordon Gogos, Paul McCann and Nicol & Ford at talks over the opening weekend, or step into *The Studio: Frida Las Vegas*, a technicolour wonderland that celebrates kitsch and pop culture with an Australiana twist.

South Australian artist Frida Las Vegas, aka Stavroula Adameitis, invites visitors to step inside her vibrant world to become a textile designer and create a graphic print in AGSA's free activity space The Studio, launching to coincide with *Radical Textiles*. A dazzling space where budding designers can draw, colour, cut and paste to their heart's content, *The Studio: Frida Las Vegas* encourages experimentation with textile pattern principles in Frida Las Vegas' signature Pop Art style.

Stavroula Adameitis says, 'Visitors can expect to enter a colourful, exuberant and highly energetic space where they can engage with textile design in a playful way. I encourage people of all ages to draw with bright colours, lines, patterns, shapes and icons to create artworks that are just as unique and fabulous as they are.'

Radical Textiles will also offer a series of hands-on Summer Workshops, including a knitting class with Cardigang founders Cat Bloxsom and Morgan Collins, a Stitch and Resist workshop with artist

Carly Snoswell, visible mending with Donna Gordge using the Japanese technique of Sashiko, and printed textile scarf design with Frida Las Vegas.

South Australian students are invited to take part in a large-scale collaborative Stitch and Resist activity that will run throughout the *Radical Textiles* exhibition season. Each contributor will stitch a word or symbol that represents an issue they are passionate about onto a square of fabric, with the contributions joined together to go on display at AGSA in 2025.

AGSA Acting Director Emma Fey says, 'Each major AGSA exhibition presents a platform for an exciting collection of programs for the public to enjoy and *Radical Textiles* is no exception. The exhibition's events and programs promise immersive activities, talks and workshops that uncover the ways textiles have spanned politics, fashion, community and care over the last 150 years.'

Other public programs throughout the exhibition season include an ever-changing series of live music, talks and tours as part of the Gallery's First Fridays program. On the first Friday of every month, visitors can learn about upcycling and lost craft techniques, and enjoy artist led workshops and performances.

The AGSA Store will celebrate *Radical Textiles* with a wide range of merchandise, including a hard-cover 236-page exhibition catalogue, exclusive Cardigang knitting kits, and a bespoke collection of jewellery by Tarryn Gill. Other merchandise includes embroidered patches and coin purses produced in collaboration with artist Sally Smart, an enamel pin of Don Dunstan's iconic pink shorts, as well as crochet and embroidery kits, needle minders, bags, tea towels and brooches from Australian brands.

A world-exclusive exhibition, *Radical Textiles* will open at AGSA on 23 November 2024. From tapestry and embroidery to quilting and tailoring, in the hands of artists, textiles have been pivotal in expressing moments of profound social change and political rupture. The exhibition presents works by more than 150 artists, designers and activists to explore how textiles have marked acts of resistance, revival, remembrance and reconciliation over the past 150 years.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Exhibition Tours

Daily at 2pm, exhibition ticket required

Take a tour of *Radical Textiles* with a Gallery Guide

The Studio: Frida Las Vegas

Open daily, with facilitated sessions on weekends and school holidays, free

Frida Las Vegas has transformed The Studio into a time-travelling technicolour Pop Art explosion featuring a medley of her favourite things to complement the exhibition *Radical Textiles*. Draw and personalise your very own Pop Art graphic repeat print, inspired by the symbols, signs, places and faces that reflect your unique taste and identity.

Opening Weekend Thread Talks

Saturday 23 Nov 2024

Ticketed, book online

11am

Remembrance - Every stitch has a story - Nell and Carolynne Gordon with Leigh Robb

Radical bodies - Frock it up - Jordan Gogos, Nicol & Ford, Paul McCann with Rebecca Evans

2pm

Resistance - Feminism, back by popular demand - Kate Just and Kay Lawrence with Tansy Curtin

Revival - Textiles forever, techniques and traditions for survival - Sera Waters and Maggie Hensel-Brown with Leigh Robb

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MEDIA RELEASE

14 October 2024

Summer Workshop Series

Ticketed, book online

Stitch and Resist with Carly Snoswell

4 December 2024

Create your own radical textile, focussing on what you're passionate about, with artist Carly Snoswell. Focus in on your political beliefs or explore what you hope for the future, take your work home or contribute to the Stitch and Resist collaborative activity.

Visible Mending with Donna Gordge

3 January 2025

Join local artist Donna Gordge (Stitch, Paint, Burn) to learn the technique of Sashiko Visible Mending and work towards your own sustainable fashion goals.

Iconic Fabric Designs with Frida Las Vegas

7 February 2025

Enter the world of fashion design with Frida Las Vegas aka Stavroula Adameitis and explore your own obsessions and icons as you design your own scarf to be printed and sent to your door.

Knitting with Cardigang

1 March 2025

Join Morgan and Cat, the creators of Melbourne based Cardigang, to kick-start your love of knitting. Learn the basics and take away your own Cardigang knitting kit.

Member Offerings

Radical Textiles Members Morning

Saturday 23 November 2024, ticketed, book online

Explore *Radical Textiles* with exhibition curators Rebecca Evans and Leigh Robb.

Education

Join our teacher briefing or a professional development workshop with artist Kay Lawrence. Discover our student and teacher workshops on civics and citizenship featuring tours of *Radical Textiles* and Parliament House. Visit agsa.sa.gov.au/education

For full *Radical Textiles* program details including First Fridays, Start at the Gallery and Neo events visit agsa.sa.gov.au

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KEY DATES

Media Preview | Friday 22 November 2024, 11am
Exhibition Season | 23 November 2024 – 30 March 2025

IMAGES

<http://agsa.sa.gov.au/media/radicaltextilespublicprograms>

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