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The People and the Place

~ a community art event, culminating in an art exhibition and the launch of the DVD encapsulating the artists and their work.



“We’re here to celebrate one of the unique local community arts projects: The People and The Place,” said Sadaf, the Master of Ceremonies at this event on 17th July, 2012 at the Gold Coast City Council Chambers.

“This project is about building awareness of local artists throughout the community as well as building a sense of belonging to *the place*, that is this great city of the Gold Coast – a paradise, among culturally diverse *people*, that is the artists. It’s about linking the *people* to the *place*.”

“Through *the people and the place*, community members learn about each other and the local existing cultural diversity. The project consists of a 36 minute documentary of artists who shared their artistic and cultural backgrounds with the viewers. You can see the promo of the film at the link <http://youtu.be/4rLItoPqImQ> ”

In the absence of the Mayor, Tom Tate, the event was addressed by Deputy Mayor Councillor Donna Gates, pictured on the right.

Entertainment was provided by Greta Kelly playing a kamancha (a Persian bowed string instrument) and singer James Park with David Davis on piano accordion. See photo below.



The project was funded by Arts Queensland and opened by the Minister for the Arts, the Hon. Ros Bates. See the Minister’s Address page 2 and some of the artists with their art works page 3. Page 4 shows some of the guests.



The People and The Place was officially launched by Hon. Ros Bates MP – the Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts at the Chambers of the Gold Coast City Council on 17th July 2012. Here is an extract of her address.

It is with great pleasure that I am here with you all today to officially open The People & The Place Exhibition presented by Gold Coast MAGIC.

This exhibition celebrates Australia's unique cultural heritage and artistic experiences.

The artists represented in this exhibition belong to a group called Artists in Paradise, who share a common and personal goal of mine, which is to showcase the beauty of cultural diversity on the Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast MAGIC not-for-profit organisation has achieved a great deal to promote and foster Community Arts on the Gold Coast.

The LNP Government is committed to supporting community arts organisations such as the Gold Coast MAGIC to deliver on our Arts for all Queenslanders election promise to ensure that all Queenslanders have access to arts, by bringing great arts to the regions.

The value of community arts organisations like Gold Coast MAGIC and Burleigh Art Group is priceless because they help to make grand things happen.

Community arts organisations help to build bridges between gaps in knowledge and understanding, because a picture can speak a thousand words. They provide a platform for people of different cultures and backgrounds to share, learn, develop and grow, and strengthen their communities in the process.

The arts can be used as a vehicle in delivering positive social, health and environmental outcomes for specific communities and cultures.

The arts help bring communities together, and individuals build on their self-esteem, as they learn new skills and achieve things they didn't think possible. And the arts can also be an outlet for stress and contribute to the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

It is through the arts, also, that people can



share stories and capture important moments in a community's life or history.

In this way the arts contribute to community revitalisation and renewal, giving people a vehicle to use in celebrating unique cultural identities, and in promoting regional distinctiveness, adding texture to the rich cultural life in Queensland.

The Queensland Government has announced more than \$90 000 in funding for regional arts projects across Queensland, with the Gold Coast a major beneficiary.

The new funding through Arts Queensland's Regional Galleries Partnership Program ensures the arts are accessible to all Queenslanders, which is priority of the Newman Government.

It was wonderful being with you today – thank you for inviting me to open The People & The Place Exhibition – I now announce it officially open.



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The artists and their work:

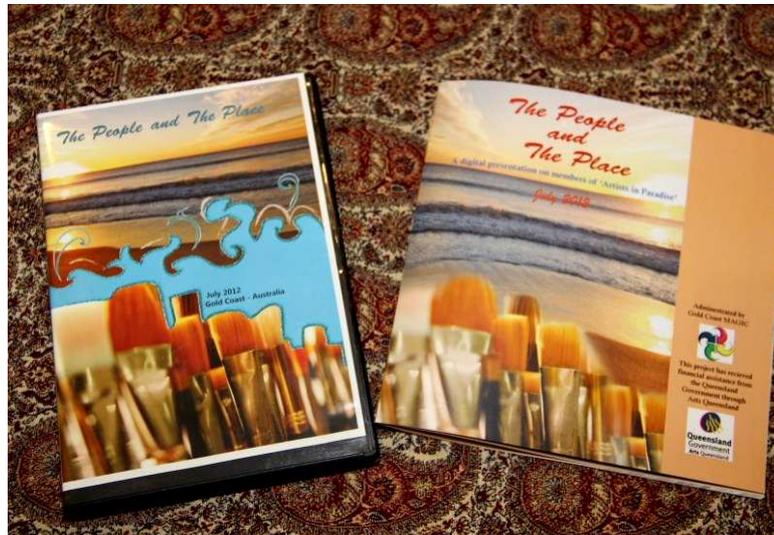
Glennys Briggs



Samira Mohsenzadeh



Sue Pearson



Nasrin Vaziri



Genevieve Ludlow



Melissa Zargari



Kirsty Starr



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Right to left: Cr Jan Grew (Division 11), Hon. Ros Bates (Minister for Arts), Destry Puia (Manager of Gold Coast Arts Centre) and Nasrin Vaziri (Production Manager).

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MAGIC Projects

Completed projects:

The People and the Place, as reported in this newsletter.

She Says... Project in conjunction with BEMAC involving workshops and collection of stories.

In progress:

Lullabies, a book collating the lullabies of many lands with an accompanying CD to be launched late November.



Artists in Paradise – more exhibitions are planned.

Future projects in 2013 will be:

Arts/ Crafts Expo – This is the major project of GC MAGIC in partnership with Burlingame Arts Group. The Expo will consist of seminars, workshops, entertainment and exhibitions. The project will be a platform for community members to become engaged with community arts, creating joy and a vibrant artistic life supporting the natural beauty of the Gold Coast.

Dance Night – After overwhelming feedback on the first Dance Night earlier this year by the attendees, GC MAGIC intends to have several Dance Nights in 2013. Announcements will be made when the dates and venues are finalised.

The task of art today is to bring chaos into order. Theodor Adorno 1903-1969

Art is the sex of the imagination. George Jean Nathan 1882-1958

Life is the art of drawing without an eraser. John W Gardner 1912-2002

I may not be totally perfect, but parts of me are excellent. Ashleigh Brilliant.