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RE: Embracing the art of the practice.

REhearse at artist run space, **window99 Gallery**

Fitzroy, Melbourne September 2011

Over the next three weeks video artists, performers, puppeteers, dancers, actors, musicians and visual artists will embrace the revealed studio behind window99 as their rehearsal space in an attempt to perfect their practices.

window99 gallery sits amidst the commission flats, pubs, cafes, retail and design stores and community centres of Fitzroy. For this month only, the window boxes have been removed and the studio is bare. The *REhearse* project is an exhibition exploring the idea of the artists' practice as a 'rehearsal'. Inside the window99 studio the artists will be influenced by the synergy of the surrounding urban landscape allowing the site to become material for the development of works to be created and performed within the space.

Kicked off on Saturday by **Melanie Chilianis** and **Laura Licciardi's** sound explorations, the event is already drawing passer byes to the windows. Artists **Elanor Jane-Webber** and **Chimene Steel Prior**, this week, explore intimacy and voyeurism in public spaces through dance while **Barking Spider Visual Theatre** company comes together to show us behind the scenes of their puppetry practice. Slotting in between these duo's is drummer **Leo Kavanagh** negotiating a variety of arduous yet rewarding snare drum techniques.

REhearse artists include; **Tessa Waters, Barking Spider Visual Theatre, Elanor Jane Webber & Chimene Steele-Prior, Tess E. McKenzie & Chris Rainier, Emmily Caspi & Michelle Robinson, Real Hot Bitches, Laura Licciardi & Melanie Chilianis, Letitia Sutherland & Mel Dodge and Leo Kavanagh.**

An additional installment to the *REhearse* project, is *REplay*, a video art component on Sunday and Monday nights exploring video's capacity to be a document and a material for artistic practice. Video artists include; **Nickk Hertzog, Sheena Colquhoun and Tom Curitore.**

Video footage from each rehearsal will be broadcast on the *REhearse* project page with the schedule available at the start of each week. To view bios for all the artists involved see 'artist bios' on the *REhearse* site: rehearseproject.wordpress.com.

Curators **Ann Fuata & Marie Schoenmaker** are melbourne based artists. Marie Schoenmaker is director of window99 Gallery.

REhearse runs from **September 10th till October 1st** at 99 Brunswick Street in Fitzroy.

Closing night celebrations will be held at **ODESSA gallery**, 395 Gore St, Fitzroy on Oct 1st, from 6pm.

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