

Media Release

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The Minority have the Majority

Minority in Majority is both the name of a traditional dot painting by Petrie Terrace resident David Williams, and the title of a combined indigenous and disability art exhibition at Footsteps Gallery, Brisbane from 18-31 July.

Named after David's painting, the exhibition features both tactile and hung artworks bringing two minority groups together in a shared celebration of NAIDOC and Disability Action Week.

Featured as solo artists in this exhibition are David Williams a descendent of the Wakka Wakka people and Brisbane Outsider Artist Tim Ware. Other indigenous artists will also exhibit, and in order to entice the blind to explore and experience visual art, sculptures concealed inside boxes will be featured in the *Black Box Sculpture competition*.

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce Governor of Queensland will officially open *Minority in Majority* on Wednesday 20 July at 7pm. The launch funded by Disability Services Queensland as part of a Building Inclusive Communities grant, will incorporate music and dance performances by both the indigenous and disability communities.

David Williams will be among the featured launch performers, as an accomplished didgeridoo, trombone and keyboard player. Graduating with a music degree from QUT, he gained specific skills in computer composition, sound recording and music performance techniques. David has taken these skills and applied them to form a compositional and performance technique that blends the traditional with the contemporary.

In 2004 With James Morrison David performed traditional didge and a contemporary combination of didge and jazz. Currently David is a radio producer at 98Nine FM studios and in early 2005 he travelled to England and France, with time spent teaching classes at schools in north London.

A talented visual artist, David has developed and refined his painting skills to a standard that has seen him receive accolades as an international Aboriginal artist, with works exhibited in Sweden, England, Italy and Germany...

When: 18-31 July 2005

Where: Footsteps Gallery Old School of Arts Building
166 Ann St Brisbane

Gallery Opening Hours: 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday

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