

BREATHING ROOM is a group exhibition and accompanying symposium devoted to the poetics of the interior, curated by emerging curator and writer **Jaime Tsai**.

The exhibition, at **MOP Projects** from the 1st -18th August, 2013, features the work of:

Lauren Commens (NSW)
Yvette Coppersmith (VIC)
Mike Hewson (NZ)
Eloise Kirk (NSW)
Sara Oscar (NSW)
Clare Thackway (ACT)
Nadia Wagner (NSW)

In order to establish relationships and critical dialogue between local practitioners and writers, Tsai has commissioned 7 Sydney art writers to produce an essay to accompany the work of one exhibiting artist:

Donna Brett
Victoria Carruthers
Georgina Cole
Mark De Vitis
Michael Hill
Sophie Hopmeier
Adam Jasper

In addition to these texts, the BREATHING ROOM catalogue will also feature work by the award-winning poet **Lisa Gorton**.

The BREATHING ROOM symposium, featuring the artists and writers in conversation, will be chaired by Sydney contemporary artist and academic **Oliver Watts** and held at the Black Theatre, **National Art School**, on the 9th August, 2-5pm, followed by drinks.

“Walter Benjamin described the interior as the ‘asylum where art takes refuge,’ ” says Tsai. “It is a private universe, a cradle of memories, accumulations and geographies. The exhibition and accompanying conversations between artists and writers represent a range of psychological and libidinal places, from intimate dwellings to the desolation of infinity, or the tension between the security of domestic life and the potential violence of a broken home.”

Jaime Tsai is a Sydney based art historian. She recently completed a Ph.D. at the University of Sydney on the spatial practice of Marcel Duchamp. She is a sessional academic at the University of Technology, the University of NSW, the University of Sydney and the National Art School. Her research interests include the nexus between the art/architectural object and twentieth century philosophies of space.

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