



Body

The human form has been the subject of art for millennia. Portraiture has been used to record the look of individuals, and representations of the human body have been enlisted as vehicles for narrative or to communicate emotional states. More recently artists have sought to challenge our understanding of the relationship between bodies and art – both on a physical and conceptual level.

This display of artworks from the State Art Collection takes the human body as its starting point. *Body* will focus on corporeality in many guises, from the seemingly simple representation of the human form, to artworks by Indigenous Australian artists that are drawn from ceremonial markings on the human body, to works by contemporary artists that are determined by the physical body of the artist or seek to include the body of the viewer within their realm.

Art Gallery Director, Stefano Carboni said, “This new thematic display of the State Art Collection has been planned as a space for families to discover and enjoy art. The curatorial and education teams have worked closely together to create a visually stimulating exhibition of great works of art for children and adults alike, and they have devised additional activities and an art trail to complement the works and enhance visitors’ experiences.”

FOR FAMILIES

Young visitors will be inspired by faces, expressions, gestures and an assortment of colourful characters through a variety of experiences designed to enhance their visit.

Become an artist

Families can enjoy exploring portraiture by creating their own sketches in the designated drawing space.

Find out

Read the child friendly labels to discover more about artists influences, techniques and some secrets!

Investigate

Explore intriguing sculpture, paintings, drawings and photographs with an interactive activity trail for the whole family.



David Goldblatt

Particulars 1975-85 (detail)
silver gelatin print
20 units, 40.0 x 60.0 cm (each)
State Art Collection,
Art Gallery of Western Australia
Purchased 2002

**Body opens Saturday 21 November 2009 at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.
Opening hours 10am–5pm Wednesday–Monday.**

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