

SCULPTURE at SCENIC WORLD

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Tasmanian Tigers exposed in the Blue Mountains for Sculpture at Scenic World 2013

The story of the Tasmanian Tiger will be narrated through artistic exploration in a Jurassic outdoor gallery for the 2013 Sculpture at Scenic World.

Returning artist Dr Lisa Anderson is now composing more than 20 inflatable ink sketched Thylacine depictions that float beneath the rainforest canopy, after being selected as an exhibiting artist at Scenic World in the Blue Mountains.

Judges for Australia's only dedicated rainforest exhibition, including Dinosaur Design Director Louise Olsen, viewed entries from around the world to unveil an exciting list of 38 artworks disclosed today.

The independent Sculpture at Scenic World will feature spectacular sculptures that include digital and new media artworks on show exclusively for the exhibition between 24 April and 19 May 2013.

Scenic World Joint Managing Directors, Anthea and David Hammon, said the second annual cultural event has attracted internationally-recognised artists while uncovering progressive new artistic talent.

"Sculpture at Scenic World is about providing a new dimension for artists and the public to explore and be inspired by this remarkable ancient rainforest," they said.

"It's a unique experience where visitors ride the iconic Scenic Railway, which is undergoing a \$30 million redevelopment, to enjoy one of the most spectacular entries into an exhibition in the world."

The 38 artworks will be installed along the longest boardwalk in the Southern Hemisphere at 2.4km, through the Jamison Valley floor and directly below the Three Sisters.

The works include old-growth trees fitted with white winged bridal skirts made from recycled plastic bags, display cabinet with life-size hand-made cultural garments, and an interactive sound work and light projection in the historic Miner's Hut.

The sculpture trail will feature 18 artists from NSW, 11 from the Blue Mountains, three from Victoria, 2 from Queensland, two from America, and one each from Hungary and Ireland.

Louise Olsen was joined in the selection process by industry influencers, artist and Environmental Research Initiative for Art Director Allan Giddy, and Associate Professor in Art History and Theory at the College of Fine Arts (COFA), Associate Professor Alan Krell.

They return to Scenic World for the official opening and announcement of the \$20,000 Scenic World Acquisitive Award. Artists for the first time will select the \$5000 Artist Peer Award, and the \$2000 Scenic World Staff Choice Award and \$1000 People's Choice Award will be announced at the exhibition's conclusion.

New to the program is Sculpture Otherwise, a collection of indoor works, a family and children's activity program and trail map. The exhibition can also be explored on guided and independent tours, and features lectures and artist talks.

Sculpture at Scenic World 2013 is a free experience for Annual Pass+ holders or with general ticket purchases for Scenic World.

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Scenic World is Australia's most visited privately-owned tourist attraction. More than 850,000 people annually riding the steepest in the world at 52 degrees; the highest skyway in Australia at 270m railway (now undergoing a \$30M upgrade); and walking along the Sculpture at Scenic World trail spanning 2.4km, the longest boardwalk in the Southern Hemisphere.



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