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Winners Announced for 2007 Freedman Foundation Travelling Scholarships

Five talented young Australians have been announced as winners of the prestigious 2007 Freedman Foundation Travelling Scholarship for Emerging Artists.

At a special awards ceremony held last night at the College of Fine Arts UNSW, Kathy Keele, CEO of the Australia Council for the Arts, presented \$5,000 award cheques to Bridget Currie, Katya Grokhovsky, Izabela Pluta, Keg De Souza and Laura Woodward.

Ms Keele acknowledged the invaluable support that the Freedman Foundation offers to Australian visual artists. She praised the Foundation for providing young artists with fantastic international opportunities to travel and gain new experiences which would accelerate their artistic careers.

Bridget Currie, from South Australia will undertake a residency-based research program at CCA Kitakyushu in Japan.

Katya Grokhovsky from Victoria will research the language and history of contemporary performance and interdisciplinary visual art in multicultural migration society.

Izabela Pluta from New South Wales will undertake a residency at the Cite des Arts Internationale, Paris to further her exploration into multicultural influences.

Keg de Souza from New South Wales will explore influences with the art collective 16 Beaver in New York. Her research will include discussion and mapping the gentrification of inner-city suburbs, as well as publishing and writing.

Laura Woodward from Victoria will embark upon a visit to ZKM Centre for Art and Media in Germany, the Kinetica Museum in London and the Interactive Institute's Art and Technology program in Sweden.

The work of the 2007 winners and 2005 returning scholars is currently on show at the Freedman Foundation Awards Exhibition, which is open to the public until 1 September at COFAspace gallery, College of Fine Arts, Cnr Oxford St & Greens Rd, Paddington, Sydney.

The Freedman Foundation is a private philanthropic organisation which provides funding in medicine, science, music and the arts. The Freedman Foundation Travelling Scholarship is administered by the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA). NAVA is the peak body representing and advancing the professional interests of the Australian visual arts and craft sector.

For further information about the artists or to arrange interviews call Owen Leong Communication and Promotion Officer, NAVA on (02) 9368 1900