



Julie's happy to follow the paper trail to Albany

Exhibition

PiAF: Paperartzi 09
York Street, Albany Town Hall,
Vancouver Arts Centre
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JULIE Rrap has never been to Albany but she has always wanted to visit, so when the opportunity presented itself, she couldn't resist.

"I have a close friend who grew up in Albany and I've heard a lot about it and when the (Paperartzi) organisers rang me out of the blue, it was sort of serendipitous," Rrap said.

One of Australia's leading artists, Rrap will visit Albany as part of Paperartzi, which kicks off on February 28 and will feature contemporary artworks in which paper is the main ingredient.

Rrap said she was looking forward to what the other artists involved would come up with.

Her own offering is six large photographs of herself in which she used a cast of her own head and rubbed graphite on the backs of the photos.

Ms Rrap said the photos looked quite classical, but with the addition of a mockumentary she made while creating the artwork, the result was challenging.

She said she had no idea where she got the idea from.

"That's the way I like to work because it leaves you free to go wherever you like," Rrap said.

Rrap, who has been an internationally recognised artist for some 30 years, said she preferred to be the model and the artist because it challenged historical traditions.

Rrap, who will be joined by Dadang Christanto, an Indonesian artist, will give a talk on March 1 at the Vancouver Arts Centre. She said she was hoping to give some context to her artworks and connect with the local artists.

Paperartzi will be launched this Saturday at 10.30am in the marquee next to the library on York Street.



One of Julie Rrap's works that will be on display in the Vancouver Arts Centre during Paperartzi.