



BATHURST REGIONAL ART GALLERY

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SANDRA NYBERG: HERITAGE

BRAG (Bathurst Regional Art Gallery) is proud to present *Sandra Nyberg: Heritage* as part of our state-of-the-art 2015 exhibition program. Opening at BRAG on Friday 6 February at 6pm, *Heritage* delivers a fresh perspective on the vernacular architecture of Hill End.

Finnish artist Sandra Nyberg is increasingly interested in “*unexpected public interventions, creating artworks which are integrated with their surroundings while exploring their local cultural, political, sociological and historical context.*” Her practice traverses various mediums ranging from architecturally inspired site-specific structures and installations to fragile drawings and conceptual ideas.

In March 2013, Nyberg participated in the Hill End Artists in Residence Program. During her stay in Hill End she became fascinated with the buildings typical to the area and created *Heritage*, a scale model of a miner’s cottage.

Originally installed in-situ within the Hill End township, the installation structure moves between physical explorations of space and design, while referencing traditional architectural drawing conventions of line and scale.

“*It is this mix of old heritage with new creativeness within the regulations that I find interesting. I feel the architecture reflects the general positive synergy of the town; locals who have been there for generations live side by side with the numerous artists that have moved into the township - creating a unique and interesting mix which seems to be working for the town,*” Nyberg says of Hill End.

Heritage will be re-created inside the gallery space for this exhibition and accompanied by photographs of the original site-specific installation in Hill End and a series of drawings of Hill End architecture.

BRAG will host an artist forum at 5pm before the opening on Friday 6 February. The panel will feature Alex Wisser, Co-Director of CEMENTA and exhibiting artists, Sandra Nyberg, Mark Booth and Juz Kitson. Discussions will be based around the advancements, challenges and future of contemporary practice in a regional context.

This is a Hill End Artists in Residence Program exhibition.

OPENING: Friday 6 February, 6pm

ARTIST FORUM: Friday 6 February, 5pm

EXHIBITION DATES: 6 February – 22 March 2015

MEDIA ENQUIRIES: Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 6333 6555

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IMAGE: Sandra Nyberg, *Heritage* 2013, installation views, wood, bolts & wingnuts.