

# Open Home

## The HB MAG Fine Art Collection Revealed

Friday 30th May – Monday 27th October 2008



The Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery are opening the doors to their painting store and putting everything on display that has been collected by the institution since 1936.

It's a simple concept but an effective one. *Open Home* will give visitors the opportunity to view over 600 framed works of every style and description, many of which have only ever been exhibited on rare occasions, making an event like this all the more special.

We are not pretending that this is a particularly original idea. Many other art galleries have done identical projects but none of them has a collection quite like ours. Where else would works by **Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Rembrandt** sit along side works by **Charles Tole, Martin Ball, Louise Henderson and Wellesley Binding?**

This is of course the delight of exhibitions of this type. There is something to suit the tastes and interests of each and every visitor. However from a gallery point of view they allows us to get a number of in-house tasks done – not least of all having a good look at all the paintings ourselves with an eye to developing future exhibitions and checking our documentation is all in place.

A number of public programmes are being run as part of this exhibition including those listed below.

### Winter Gala Opening: Friday 30th May at 5.30pm

Saturday 14th June, 3pm

#### **The HB MAG Fine Art Collection - Panel Discussion**

Join us for a lively discussion about the future direction of the HB MAG fine arts collection with a panel of leading art critics, academics and industry experts.

*Free entry. Venue: HB MAG Gallery*

Thursday 28th August, 5.30pm

#### **Gallery Floor Talk with Robert McGregor**

Robert McGregor gives an insight into fine arts acquisitions during his time as the Director of Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery (1979 – 1989) and discusses these works in the exhibition *Open Home*, an overview of the Gallery's fine art collection.

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