

GERTRUDE CONTEMPORARY

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GERTRUDE CONTEMPORARY IS NOT FOR SALE

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As the old story goes, creative people don't just break ground for new ideas, but also for property developers. In this case, 28 years of setting the scene in Gertrude Street for the best food, shoes and attitudes has come at a price for Gertrude Contemporary, and our building is now up for sale.

Since 1983 Gertrude Contemporary has been working hard to make Fitzroy the place it is today. Situated at 200 Gertrude Street, the gallery has supported the careers of Australia's key thinkers, makers and writers across the decades, charting movements, trends and revolutions in thought and art across our complex of galleries and studios.

This sale will not affect Gertrude Contemporary's status as a leading centre for the creation and presentation of contemporary art in Australia, nor our capacity to carry out our vision for the future. In the face of Fitzroy's ongoing gentrification, we will continue to deliver our internationally acclaimed program of exhibitions, publications, education programs and, most of all, artists' studios consolidating our reputation as Melbourne's leading generator for contemporary art and ideas.

As an institution with 28 years of experience in the field of innovation and creativity, we have accumulated a vast community of supporters that includes the leading names in contemporary art from Robert Owen, Patricia Piccinini to Emily Floyd. In fact every artist who has represented Australia at Venice since 1997 has either had an early exhibition at Gertrude Contemporary or held a studio here.

This select group of creative heavy-hitters has been joined in recent years by our increasing international presence, with leading artists and curators from all over the world exhibiting in our galleries and staying in our studios.

And it is with the momentum of our history and the strength of our community behind us that we will continue to deliver our programs.

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