



The Papua New Guinean artists in this exhibition share their dreams and visions.

These are times of revolutionary changes and Gazellah, Mairi, Laben and Jeffry venture out to try something new and different. Whether they represent their cultures and tradition or provide opportunities for ideas and images that are a complete contrast, their images and creations provide a new category of growing up in the PNG context. Caught between being called 'savages' and 'primitives' and being accommodated by those of the 'civilizing' regime, our artists provide a *jouissance* that comes out of the violence of colonialism and post colonialism - a new kind of aestheticism. In the brave new world being created out of a conglomerate of cultures the new artists are among a pantheon of warriors that began their journey within an emerging nation a long time ago. Gazellah, Mairi, Laben and Jeffry, as artists, have been observant and in their own way have picked up ideas and created their own language of being new, different and even become a little more risqué in being Papua New Guinean!

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Opim eye

PAPUA NEW GUINEAN CONTEMPORARY ART

'Opim eye' is a combination of Tok pisin and English. Translated it literally means 'to open your eyes'. The concept behind 'Opim eye' is the idea that art can provide a different lens through which we see the world.

Exhibition featuring artworks by

Mairi & Jeffry Feeger, Gazellah Bruder and Laben Sakale John

General viewing

Venue: Deloitte Tower, ground floor.

Open to the general public from the 6th-8th May between 9am-3pm. There will be an entry fee of K1.00 per person at the door.

Part of our aim as a group is to make art accessible to the wider public so with this in mind 'free admission' may be granted for educational institutions and community groups but please enquire to make prior arrangements first.

Opening

If you would like to come to the opening night please purchase a ticket.

Entry to opening night by invitation or ticket only.

Date: 5th May • Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm • Cost: K40 per ticket

To purchase a ticket or make further enquires please contact us on
ph: 726 70912 or email: opimeye@gmail.com.