

## **MEDIA RELEASE** **FOR IMMEDIATE USE**

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### **International exhibition set to inspire at CraftExpo**

Visitors to CraftExpo Melbourne, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> can look forward to being inspired by a fascinating exhibition entitled *My Place*, featuring 90 contemporary textile art quilts from across Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. Quilters from the three countries were invited to interpret the theme, *My Place*, resulting in an exquisite display of highly personal and unique creations.

*My Place* is a travelling exhibition, curated by acclaimed quilters Jeanette Botha of South Africa, Anne Scott of New Zealand and Victorian local, Dijanne Cevaal. Thirty quilts were selected from each country, with the broad theme resulting in a wide variety of interpretations from personal stories to those that reflected landscapes and people's own backyard. "As one of the curators of the exhibition it has been interesting to see how some of the works from each of the three countries speak so distinctly of place and how others speak evocatively of shared interests and universality", says Dijanne. "The colours used also reflect very distinct differences between our countries", adds Dijanne

Visitors to the Expo will also be able to hear Dijanne comment on the exhibition, when she conducts daily floor talks in the exhibition area at 11:30am and 2:30pm.

The exhibition will travel to Europe in 2010 to be exhibited at Carrefour Europeen du Patchwork in France – one of Europe's major quilt and textile art events.



*Pictured left:* Skyline by Elizabeth Harcourt shows the houses of Wellington.

*Centre:* A colourful African scene by Charlotte van Schalkwyk, entitled *Working Together* is inspired by the cultural diversity in South Africa.

*Right:* School house at Christ's College by Anne Groufsky. Anne has interpreted the stonework of this early 20<sup>th</sup> century building, located in the heart of Christchurch.

**Where & When:** CraftExpo  
Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton  
October 8-11, 2009

**Open:** 10.00am – 4.30pm daily

**Tickets:** Adults: \$15, Seniors/Pensioners: \$13, Children (5-16yrs): \$7, Children (under 5yrs): FREE, Family (2A + 2C): \$35. Free tote bag valued at \$5 at the door, while stocks last.  
Tickets available at the door or online at [www.craftexpo.net.au](http://www.craftexpo.net.au)

**Groups:** Advanced Purchase tickets are available for groups of a minimum of 10 people at a discounted rate. To arrange a group call (02) 9452 7575.

**Information:** Visit [www.craftexpo.net.au](http://www.craftexpo.net.au) or call 02 9452 7575.

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