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## ARCHIBALD PRIZE WINNER TO EXHIBIT IN BORDERTOWN

A MAJOR art exhibition is making its way to Bordertown this year.

Archibald Prize 2011 winner Ben Quilty's exhibition *Inhabit* will be exhibited this year in Bordertown's Walkway Gallery, the only regional art gallery in South Australia to have secured the coveted exhibition.

Art Gallery of South Australia Director Nick Mitzevich will open the exhibition on Sunday 23 October 2016.

Country Arts SA Arts and Tatiara District Council Community Development Officer Naomi Fallon said it was an historic moment for the Walkway Gallery.

"It's a coup for Bordertown to be the only regional centre in SA to showcase Ben Quilty's *Inhabit* exhibition," she said. "We're thrilled to be able to present the Archibald Prize winner's work in the Walkway Gallery. Quilty's work is visually stunning and sends a powerful social message. It's a privilege to exhibit his work and we are sure it will create many conversations."

Quilty's suite of paintings, *Inhabit*, 2010, explores wider concepts of identity as Quilty attempts to reconcile his identity as a white Australian. Conceived as a self-portrait, *Inhabit* also acts as a collective national portrait and could arguably be considered a barometer of domestic sentiment as the Australian reconciliation movement progresses.

The opening of the exhibition will also launch Country Arts SA's *This Is A Border(town)*, a 12-month artist residency program in the Tatiara district. The three artists undertaking a residency, Malcolm McKinnon, James Dodd and Mark De Nys, will talk about their projects and the outcomes. Visit <https://thedirtsa.com.au/about-the-dirt/> to view blogs about the residency and to connect with the artists.

The projects' stories will be compiled alongside writings and thoughts from Tatiara residents, national experts and the artists in a publication to be launched at the closing of the Ben Quilty exhibition on November 27.



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