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SPREZZATURA, OK GALLERY

Nick Austin (NZ), Mitch Cairns (SYD), George Egerton-Warburton (WA), Agatha Gothe-Snape (SYD), Nicholas Hatfull (UK).

EXHIBITION OPENS: Wednesday, June 20th 2012, 6pm

EXHIBITION RUNS: JUNE 21ST – JULY 22ND 2012

OK Gallery is pleased to present *Sprezzatura*. A group exhibition concerned with interiors, everyday design and questions of taste.

OK Gallery's directors, Jamie Macchiusi, Andrew Varano and Gemma Weston, chose each of the five participating artists based their interest in everyday visual experience, producing works that take inspiration from seemingly prosaic sources: newspaper cartoons, furniture and common commercial products such as take-away coffee cups and straws. Also important was the aesthetic approach each artist applies to their subject matter, producing works that combine idiosyncrasy and elegance. Each work demonstrates 'sprezzatura', an Italian term for the appearance of style achieved through feigned nonchalance.

"Sprezzatura is a first for OK Gallery in that we're able to present works from a geographically diverse group of artists" says OK Director Andrew Varano. *"Of the five artists exhibited, two are international and two are from interstate and we're really excited to be able exhibit these high calibre practices alongside Western Australian work"*

Sprezzatura will mark the first Western Australian showing of New Zealand based Nick Austin's work, and the first Australian exhibition from Hatfull,

whose extensive resume boasts exhibitions at London's Saatchi Gallery and a recent profile in *Frieze* magazine. Gothe-Snape and Cairns also continue to build an impressive national profile, the former having been included in 2010's Primavera and the latter's contribution following a sold out show of paintings at Breenspace in Sydney. Local export George Egerton-Warburton's idiosyncratic inter-disciplinary practice is also becoming internationally recognisable, the artist having recently returned from a residency in Rome.



Agatha Gothe-Snape, *Three large glasses half drunk at home*, 2012, gouache and pencil on Arches, 75.0 x 57.0 cm.

ABOUT OK GALLERY:

Directed by Jamie Macchiusi, Andrew Varano and Gemma Weston, OK Gallery is a Western Australian art space representing and exhibiting a new generation of contemporary artists.

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Tues - Fri: 11am – 6pm Sat – Sun: 12pm – 5pm or by appointment.

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