

ART FAIR DIRECTOR'S TOP 10

THIS year's Melbourne Art Fair has invited more than 800 artists from around the world to offer their best to Melbourne this weekend at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton. Most of the 2500-plus works will be for sale. Bronwyn Johnson, director of the Art Fair since 1995, offers her personal pick of the visual feast:

The artists in this list have a strong resonance with me. Having followed their careers over the years — combined with a sneak preview of what they submitted for the catalogue — I have a particular personal interest in the work they will be showing at the 2004 Melbourne Art Fair.

Naturally, I do not offer investment advice; however, I think you will enjoy this selection of work. It includes Australian and international artists, both emerging and established.

The eight project rooms at the Melbourne Art Fair 2004 will present works by innovative independent artists, most of which will be installation-based. Look out for **Chris Bond**, an accomplished painter who works with discarded objects and deals with abstraction. He will be shown in association with Bus Gallery, Melbourne.