

# LOCAL NEWS

## Real art rolls in

New Zealand's biggest – and only – mobile art collection is in Southland this week, giving students and the general public the opportunity to view original art works by some of the country's leading artists.

The Real Art Roadshow comprises two huge truckloads of original New Zealand art that visit secondary schools throughout the country. Each truck – one silver, one black – unfolds to form a 64 square metre art gallery and displays over 60 original pieces. Together the trucks form a fascinating collection of post 1945 New Zealand visual art.

The silver truck was at Northern Southland College on Wednesday and Thursday and will visit Fiordland College on Friday. Central Southland College hosts it on Monday and Tuesday and it will be at Aparima College on

Thursday and Friday of next week where students from Tuatapere Community College will also get the opportunity to view it.

The idea behind the roadshow was to give every art student in New Zealand the opportunity to see the real thing; to be inspired, challenged and 'wowed' by the true scale, texture and colour of original artworks, no matter where they live or where they study. It is the brainchild of Fiona Campbell, Rob McLeod and Gerald Barnett, three visionary art curators who wanted to bring real art to secondary school students in geographically isolated or challenging locations throughout New Zealand who previously had only encountered New Zealand art through textbooks and web images.

The works in the collection have been purchased from the artists



Students from Wanaka's Mount Aspiring College inside one of the Real Art Roadshow trucks that is visiting Southland this week.

themselves, as well as through dealers and auctions. It has been put together with art students in mind and dovetails into the New Zealand art curriculum.

The collection features both renowned and emerging New Zealand artists, and crosses

a variety of genres including painting, sculpture, photography, jewellery and ceramic art. Visits are free for schools and students.

In Te Anau, members of the public are invited to look through the collection between 12.15pm and 1.15pm on Friday (May 7) for a

gold coin donation.

Fiordland College art teacher Chris Wilkie encouraged people to visit.

"There are examples of very famous New Zealand artists, painters, sculptors and photographers," he said.



The silver Real Art Roadshow truck that opens out to reveal a gallery featuring around 60 art works from some of New Zealand's leading artists.