

# Unconventional art gallery comes to Pukekohe

SHORTLY after Easter, the Real Art Roadshow will be visiting Pukekohe, offering residents the chance to view New Zealand's largest travelling art exhibition.

"The country's most unconventional art gallery" will be open to all members of the public from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily, from Tuesday, April 14 until Friday, April 24, outside Pukekohe i-Site

at Franklin: The Centre. There is no cost involved to view the truck and the art it contains.

The visiting *Black Collection* is housed in a huge semi trailer, which unfolds to form a 64 square metre pavilion displaying over 60 pieces of original art by a cross selection of New Zealand artists. These include Tony de Lautour, Dick Frizzell, Simon Ogden, Don Driver, Rob

McLeod and Gretchen Albrecht among others.

Philanthropist, Fiona Campbell, started the moving art show after a desire to bring real art to secondary school students in geographically isolated locations throughout New Zealand. For many of the school students, it is the first time they have been offered the chance to see live art – the true scale, texture and colour of art works – instead relying on textbook illustrations and web site representations.

"Our goal is to have two trucks touring the country for the next ten years. Ideally, a truck can visit two schools a week, though often in smaller centres, there's a flow on effect when neighbouring primary and intermediate schools visit," says Fiona.

The Real Art Roadshow visits schools for free and requires no on-site handling by staff. The selection of art fits in with the current school art curriculum, and, before the truck arrives, teachers receive a collection of learning resources including essays about



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the artworks and DVD interviews with the artists. Sketchpads and pencils are provided to all art students who participate in the visit.