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Marcos López
Picada en la Terraza, 2005
photograph
Argentina

Space to Dream: Recent Art from South America 1970 to Now

In May 2016 Auckland Art Gallery will be launching a major exhibition of South American Art from seven countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Uruguay. *Space to Dream* will offer visitors an innovative experience of life in this region through works that are poetic, sensual, political and humorous. Works will be sited in many areas of the Gallery building, and a family project and extensive programme of films, talks and other events will accompany the exhibition. *Space to Dream* also provides an opportunity to initiate cultural connections and begin longer term exchanges between South American and New Zealand artists. The project is curated by Zara Stanhope, Principal Curator, Auckland Art Gallery, with Beatriz Bustos, independent Chilean curator.

The Contemporary Benefactors will be one of the principal sponsors of the exhibition. In addition, and in keeping with our mandate to support contemporary programmes, the Gallery hopes that benefactors, as either individuals or in small groups, might assist the Gallery with the costs of bringing a number of South American artists to New Zealand. This is a unique opportunity to engage with an international artist on a more personal level.

Visiting artists will create work in the Gallery or be affiliated with teaching institutions such as Elam, AUT University and Unitec, who are able to offer support to varied levels. Sponsorship will cover airfares and if needed, accommodation and per diems. Individual support will enable artists to activate the exhibition with new works, meet New Zealanders, work with children in the Gallery and create international connections that will enrich our cultural landscape.

Zara Stanhope will be presenting an information evening on Wednesday 5 August. We will be sending out invitations for this in late June. However, if you would like to register your interest early please contact either Zara Stanhope (Zara.Stanhope@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) or Kriselle Baker (krisellebaker@gmail.com).