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DION BEASLEY

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Tennant Creek artist Dion Beasley has turned his love of dogs into artwork, with his Cheeky Dogs drawings, t-shirts and children's book illustrations loved in Australia and around the world. This selection of original works at DADAA, which vividly brings to life Beasley's fascination with cheeky dogs and his unconventional journey into the world of contemporary art, is sure to capture the imagination of art (and dog) lovers of all ages

DION BEASLEY

Cheekydog is the artwork of Northern Territorian Aboriginal youth Dion Beasley. Dions' country is near the remote community of Canteen Creek (Owairtilla) located south-east of Tennant Creek. Dion is profoundly deaf and has reduced mobility due to muscular dystrophy, however he has overcome these challenges and communicates with the world through his visual representations of community life.

Dion possesses keen observational skills and draws animals, primarily dogs whose personalities are, put simply, quite cheeky! Through his drawings, Dion can convey emotions and stories of life as it unfolds before him. The more Dion draws, the more the artist emerges into a mature, insightful young man, with a cheeky streak which has captured the heart of many!

Dion's art enables him to connect with people across Australia and from all age groups. This year has seen Dion successfully launch a childrens story book "Too Many Cheeky Dogs" written by Johanna Bell and illustrated by Dion. The book has been so popular that it sold out after its first print!

During 2012, Dion was one of the twelve artists from across Australia whose work featured in the Primevera exhibition, held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney. For those who are visiting Darwin you can view and purchase some of Dion's work at the Nomad Art Gallery.

Dion loves feeding his favourite dogs whose names are Ralph, Bessie and Trouble. Dion loves to swim and he gets to the pool pretty much everyday. He also enjoys drawing and watching movies on Youtube about dogs and other animals, however frogs would be his least favourite animal as they give him the ceeeeeeeeps !!!

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