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Llamaland: An AWESOME Experience

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Rose Skinner, one of Western Australia's most promising emerging artists will be celebrated at the 2009 AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things, held in the Perth CBD from 22 – 29 November. Known best for her avant garde, candy, pop art installations and sculptures, Rose will be showcasing two installations entitled *Llamaland* and '*...and they came from Llamaland.*'

Held at the Blue Room, *Llamaland* is a stunning explosion of colour, smells, sounds and ideas. Inspired by Lewis Carroll and Dr Seuss, this fantastical installation is nothing short of extraordinary, using found, used and recycled objects to take you on a bizarre adventure to an alternative reality where nonsense reigns free. Complete with living creatures, be sure to expect the unexpected when you visit *Llamaland*!

'*...and they came from Llamaland*' will be exhibited as part of a larger installation in Forrest Place entitled *Wondersite*; an organic haphazard structure resembling a constructed forest, housing artworks by other Western Australian artists Minaxi May and Hayley Bahr, lead by Sydney artist Marley Dawson.

Nestled deep within the labyrinth of artistic wonders that is *Wondersite* lives a cluster of peculiar creatures... Created from a collection of reused and reclaimed materials, the creatures are a product of a society lost in an abyss of mass consumption. The strange beings are a symbol of adaptation and evolution, offering your imagination a gateway from the mundane to a place of fantasy and adventure where anything is possible.

These Llamalandian creatures offer a view into an alternate reality as they seemingly emerge from the collected waste of a city to begin an adventurous exploration through Forrest Place.

The 2009 AWESOME Festival is set to be bigger and better than ever, showcasing the latest and greatest new media, contemporary dance, far-out theatre, sculpture, street theatre and quirky films from France, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Australia and of course, the best from the West!

2009 marks BHP Billiton Nickel West's third year as Principal Partner to the AWESOME Festival. This unique partnership was recognised at the 2008 Australia Business and the Arts Foundation Awards, winning the national Qantaslink Regional Award.

For more information on the 2009 AWESOME Festival, wicked workshops and other great activities for bright young things, visit www.awesomearts.com and get in on all the creative action!

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