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### ***Port Adelaide the focus in new studio's Fringe exhibition***

Tutti Arts' new Port Adelaide visual arts studio will host its first exhibition, titled *SEA Me*, as part of the 2018 Adelaide Fringe Festival.

Tutti artists based at Fontanelle Gallery & Studios in St Vincent Street have drawn inspiration for their works from the Port Adelaide region, particularly the sea that surrounds it and the Port River with its famous dolphins. Their preparation for the exhibition included a visit to the South Australian Maritime Museum, a trip on the Port River Dolphin Cruise and sketching sessions overlooking the river. The artists, who live with disability, have created seascapes and bizarre or intriguing creatures that might live in the watery depths.

Tutti Arts CEO and Artistic Director, Pat Rix, says, "The *SEA me* exhibition is going to be full of offbeat originality and the quirky sense of humour which so often infuses Tutti artists' work."

Experienced visual artist Scott Pyle has found synergy between the theme for the exhibition and his personal love of surfing. Scott says, "I have a passion for surfing and art. I have been into surf drawings for nearly six years."

Tutti Arts opened its Port Adelaide studio in 2017 with support from the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and has worked with the Council and local members to have a ramp installed at Fontanelle's entrance to provide improved accessibility to people who use wheelchairs.

The *SEA Me* exhibition will be open on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 19 February until 13 March 2018. The exhibition will be officially opened by local artist Bryan Tingey on Saturday 24 February at 5pm.

#### About Tutti Arts

Tutti Arts is South Australia's only multi-arts organisation where artists with a learning disability create visual art, music, theatre, film, new media and installations for a growing local and international audience. In 2017, Tutti won Arts South Australia's Ruby Award for Sustained Contribution by an Organisation or Group.

## Media Release

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