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MEDIA RELEASE

Ekka Eve Exhibition

Recognised duo, outback artist Lyn Barnes and celebrated jeweller Alan Thomson will launch their much anticipated annual exhibition at Brisbane's Graydon Gallery on Ekka eve for the ninth year. This opening night has become a recognised gathering of both city and bush art lovers and is a traditional meeting spot for people in town for Ekka.

Following last year's celebration of drought breaking rains, in her 2011 exhibition Lyn pays special tribute to the happy social gatherings which have naturally followed the good seasons. Her signature piece "To Have, To Hold" depicts a wedding and was influenced by the many recent and planned nuptials of young friends in this year of a royal wedding. The pleasures of travelling in a rejuvenated outback and the fun of bush gatherings are also captured in this year's collection.

Alan Thomson continues to uphold his reputation as Australia's premier opal artisan. His intricate trinket box pieces and sophisticated bijoux which reflect an interest in Egyptian antiquities are currently being displayed in Melbourne's Grey Reid Gallery to coincide with the highly popular Tutankhamen exhibition.

With an unrivalled passion for gemstones and his extraordinary skill, Alan has created more than fifty pieces of evocative jewellery in distinctive bold designs. These combine Kimberly diamonds, Broome pearls and Queensland sapphires with opals, truly capturing the essence of the outback's natural beauty.

Alan is regularly commissioned to create special pieces, all of which bear the Gold and Silversmiths Guild of Australia hallmark along with the grade and year stamp.

A preview of the exhibition from midday on Wednesday 10 August will provide a relaxed environment for valued clients to view the pieces and meet the artists before opening night celebrations commence at 6.30pm.

The exhibition is open to all members of the public and will run from 11 – 21 August. For more information on the works of Lyn Barnes and Alan Thomson visit www.oldexchangegallery.com and www.alanthomsondesign.com.au.

Who: Lyn Barnes & Alan Thomson

What: Exhibition of Outback Paintings & Jewellery

Where: Graydon Gallery, 29 Merthyr Road, New Farm

When: Official opening 6.30 pm Wednesday 10 August (preview from noon)

Open to the Public 11 – 21 August 2011

For further information and photo opportunities, please contact:

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