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RACV GOLDFIELDS RESORT INVITES YOUNG ARTISTS TO JOIN ITS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ArtHouse at RACV Goldfields Resort has opened bookings for its September school holiday program and children aged between 5 and 12 are invited to book a spot.

Located at RACV Goldfields Resort in Creswick, ArtHouse is a multipurpose building for exhibitions, workshops, and artist residencies. It extends on RACV's visual arts regional programs to support artists, local communities and guests to have exceptional art experiences.

The ArtHouse September school holiday program is a series of 75-minute workshops led by Clunes based artist Karima Baadilla. The workshops will focus on drawing landscapes or garden environments.

A graduate of Monash University's Fine Art program, Baadilla has been the recipient of the Klytie Pate - Mark Brabham Emerging Artist Award and the Footscray Arts Prize.

Running on select days from Tuesday, September 20 to Monday, September 26, the free workshops are open to guests staying at the Resort with limited places also available to children from the local community.

The workshops are designed to encourage a love of drawing in young artists. Participants will be influenced by the spectacular natural surroundings of ArtHouse and its current project, *My Creswick Sketchbook*.

My Creswick Sketchbook is inspired by local artist Victor Litherland's practice of setting up his easel on the streets of Creswick and painting the buildings, trees, and people of the town.

RACV Goldfields Resort Manager, Bowen Kress, is excited to launch the program after the resort's reopening in June.

"ArtHouse is a magnificent addition to RACV Goldfields Resort and the local community. We are excited to welcome young artists into the space to enjoy Karima's workshops," Mr Kress said.

"RACV is committed to promoting tourism in regional Victoria and supporting our local arts community. ArtHouse is just one of the first of a series of exciting events and exhibitions that will encourage visitors to the area and boost the local economy."

Parents and carers can book a place for their child in the school holiday program by visiting <https://bit.ly/3CrJFhl> Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

ArtHouse will be officially opened on Saturday, October 8, with a new exhibition by significant emerging artist Casey Jeffrey.

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Further information:

Clunes based artist Karima Baadilla has a history of working across painting and ceramics with a strong focus on creating a narrative of everyday life, migrant identity, and communities. A graduate of Monash University's Fine Art program, Baadilla has been the recipient of the Klytie Pate - Mark Brabham Emerging Artist Award and the Footscray Arts Prize. Baadilla has exhibited at Footscray Community Arts Centre, First

Site Gallery, RMIT, and Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, Queensland. Baadilla is a co-director of The Artists Guild - a social enterprise with a focus of championing women in the Arts and the founder of Open Close Gallery, a moveable and nomadic gallery. For more information visit imkarima.com

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