



## New web series launches - The Art Hunter

Melbourne-based broadcaster, David Hunt has launched The Art Hunter - a new weekly web series streaming on YouTube, with each episode showcasing an emerging or established artist with in-depth interviews.

A St Kilda resident and long-time presenter on Australia's first and only LGBTQI+ community radio station, JOY 94.9, David has been an enthusiastic advocate for the arts for several decades. As well as having hosted JOY's Friday programs for many years (Drive and Evenings), he presents JOY Sunday Arts Magazine, which dedicates two hours to interviews and discussion, earning him many friendships and a vast network of artists from all walks of life.

Now in front of the camera, his new venture is dedicated to longform interviews with artists of various disciplines - from visual arts to theatre; from writers to actors; from gallery curators to dancers. Hunt's candid and relaxed interview style offers a rare, up-close-and-personal insight into the lives and careers of talented individuals and in turn, gives the artists an invaluable opportunity to be promoted on a worldwide platform.

The first episode of The Art Hunter features artist, author and gallery owner Maree Coote (who also designed The Art Hunter logo) with future episodes featuring interviews with award-winning playwright Joanna Murray-Smith, author Julietta Jameson, internationally-renowned contemporary visual artists such as John Pastoriza-Pinol, Patricia Piccinini, Marco Luccio and many more.

Pre-recorded in a studio at St Kilda's Alex Theatre, The Art Hunter is a high quality production, with all participants experienced professionals volunteering their services - including camera crew, producers, editors, designers, theme music composer, web designer, etc., and a successful crowdfunding campaign which contributed to marketing the launch.

David's background spans several decades, with the first thirty years of his career in senior management roles at international and local record companies, in publicity, promotions and marketing at companies such as EMI, Virgin, BMG and MDS (an offshoot of Mushroom), where he looked after - and formed long lasting friendships with - some of the biggest names in the music industry from Australia and internationally.

In the nineties, he took time out from the industry to run a successful café in Sydney's King Cross, before returning to Melbourne and joining the staff at JOY, where he remains as a volunteer broadcaster.

David says, 'I am so grateful to be given this opportunity to support the arts and give new and established artists a long form interview platform.

'I've had the most amazing career in the music industry and arts world, and interviewing artists feels like home to me.

'We are spoilt for choice of talent in Melbourne and throughout Victoria so it's a real privilege to be able to shine a light on artists well-known and on the rise ... and I look forward to the day when a sit-down with visiting artists from interstate and overseas is possible!

'I am also very thankful to the wonderful crew of The Art Hunter, and to Alex Vass for allowing us to create the show at the Alex Theatre, in the heart of St Kilda.'

The Art Hunter can be viewed on its own YouTube channel: The Art Hunter TV, and followed on socials:

Website: [thearthunter.tv](http://thearthunter.tv)

Facebook: [Thearthunter](https://www.facebook.com/Thearthunter)

Instagram: [thearthunter\\_dh](https://www.instagram.com/thearthunter_dh)

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### THE ART HUNTER CREDITS

Presenter & Talent producer: David Hunt

Co-producers: David Hunt & Simon Barnett

Director of Photography: Simon Barnett

Sound: Tim Barnett

Camera Operators: Simon Barnett & Tim Barnett

Set Design: Simon Barnett & David Hunt

Logo Design: Maree Coote

Theme music: John von Ahlen

Web design: Peter Holmes

Mentor/marketing: Wendy Richards

On the set of The Art Hunter

From L to R :

Simon Barnett, DOP, Tim Barnett sound & camera, TAH guests Gavin Campbell, John Pastoriza-Pinol, Andrew Delaney, Ande Kempnich, Enza Benincasa, Dave Behrens, presenter David Hunt, Maree Coote, Shane McGrath.

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