



Artist Amelia Batchelor keeps an eye on things, courtesy of handpainting by David Hooper.

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## ● SENSORY OVERLOAD

# Artists psych themselves up for surreal experience

David Hooper is talking about the surreal – the sort of artwork that is so powerful it alters your mind.

That's the same sort of vibe one can expect from *Psychedelica*, a new exhibition at Hooper's CBD Gallery celebrating

colour and form across various media to create a sensory overload.

"We want to give people such an intense feeling that it stimulates them into a paradigm-shifting epiphany," Hooper said.

Running daily from the Elizabeth St gallery until next Saturday, more than 70 artists will showcase about 1000 pieces of art, from painting and photography to live music, digital and performance. Even the floor is a piece of art.

"Yep, we're painting the floor and doing something with the roof too," Hooper said.

"We're trying to get the whole range of arts and put them into one experience."

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