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# Exhibition from MONA's first artist-in-residence

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An example of Yannick Demmerle's recent work.

MONA Library Gallery is exhibiting the works of its first artist-in-residence, Yannick Demmerle, with the artist's first ten works to go on display from September 19 til December 3.

He may be known in Europe for his photography of European and Tasmanian landscapes but, since beginning his residency at MONA in January, Yannick has taken his art in a new direction, producing a series of large-scale pencil drawings.

During his time in the library, Yannick sketched an eclectic array of subject matter, from horses to perfectly formed human foetuses, spiralling patterns, headless beasts, skulls, organs, distorted and distended umbilical cords connecting shapes, and German, French and English expletives.

He is tremendously excited about his new direction, and looking forward to exhibiting the works.

'I love being obsessed,' he says. 'There's no choice for me. My work is not a hobby. It's a necessity... it takes blowing off everything for your artwork... the family money, security, happiness, friends.'

Born in France in 1969, Yannick first came to Tasmania in 2001 on a search for pristine forests he could no longer find in Europe. After making several trips back and forward over the next seven years, he finally decided to stay in 2008.

He draws his inspiration from Art Brut, raw art - outsider art, the paintings of Marcel Storr (1911 to 1976) and Augustin Lesage (1876 to 1954), untrained and obsessive artists whose art calmed their madness, loneliness and emotional disconnect.

The exhibition at the MONA runs til December.

**When:** September 19 – December 3, 2012

**Where:** MONA Library Gallery, Hobart.

Tickets can be bought online [here](#).

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