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Light Show shines bright at Auckland Art Gallery this weekend

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David Batchelor, *Magic Hour*, 2004/2007. Installation view *Light Show* Hayward Gallery, 2013.
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This Saturday 11 October, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki will open the doors to its latest international exhibition, ***Light Show***.

Following its sell-out season at the Hayward Gallery, London, the immersive exhibition is the first major presentation of international light-based art to be seen in New Zealand. Artworks by leading international artists, including Olafur Eliasson, Dan Flavin, Jenny Holzer, Ann Veronica Janssens and James Turrell, will light up two floors of the Gallery.

Light Show talks and film screenings are offered free to all gallery-goers throughout the exhibition's four-month run. The opening weekend programme includes talks by *Light Show* curator and creator Dr Cliff Lauson from the Hayward Gallery, and a screening of the film on renowned *Light Show* and Scottish light artist, David Batchelor.

Special ticketed events include **five Open Late** evenings held over the exhibition's season with live acts, George FM DJs and after-hours access to the dazzling magic of *Light Show*. Food and drink are also available. Open Late tickets are \$20 and are valid from 6 – 9pm on the night.

Tuesday 14 October is the first in the *Light Show* Open Late series and is presented as part of **Artweek 2014's Late Night Art in the Heart of the City**. George FM DJ Aroha will share the billing with Anonymouz and guests.

Others in the *Light Show* Open Late series are:

Tuesday 11 November: George FM DJ: Tim Richards / Live music: Ginny Blackmore

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Tuesday 9 December: George FM DJ: Adam Fuhr / Live music: Evan Sinton

Tuesday 20 January: George FM DJ: Hudge / Live music: Glass Vaults

Tuesday 3 February: George FM DJs: Such n Such / Live music: TBA

Tickets are available from Eventfinda.co.nz (www.eventfinda.co.nz) and at the Gallery's front desk.

An unforgettable multi-sensory experience, *Light Show* plays with perception and explores light using everyday innovations to the latest cutting-edge technologies. The must-see exhibition, alongside the Diwali festival and Art in the Dark, sets the stage for a season of celebrations of light in Auckland.

Light Show will run from 11 October 2014 until 8 February 2015.

Standard single admission to *Light Show* is \$15 (ages 14 and above), entry for children is \$10 (ages 5 – 13) and admission for younger children is FREE (ages 0 – 4). Group bookings of 10 or more save 10% off general admission.

Inspired by the visiting exhibition, Auckland Art Gallery in collaboration with AUT Colab will present a hands-on interactive wonderland called ***Wavelength***. Created especially for children and families to explore light, technology and sound with fun multi-media inventions, *Wavelength* is on offer in the Todd Foundation Creative Learning Centre and is FREE.

Entry to Auckland Art Gallery's other exhibitions, including the hands-on, Lego-based work, *The cubic structural evolution project* by Olafur Eliasson, the Gallery's collection-based exhibitions and the E H McCormick Research Library, remain FREE.

Light Show is sponsored by Principal Partner, EY; Major Partner, AUT University; Media Partner, *Metro*; Media Partner Light Show Open Lates, George FM; Exhibition Partners, Philips and Trustpower; and Supporting Partner Light Show Open Lates, Matisse.

Exhibition organised by the Hayward Gallery, London in association with the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, New Zealand.

For more information on *Light Show* visit www.aucklandartgallery.com

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