

## Art Gallery of WA offers something novel

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A major new sculptural installation, *Blue Sky with Rainbow* by US artist Julianne Swartz, is now open for viewing at the Art Gallery of Western Australia in Perth.

"Julianne Swartz is an American artist who uses installation, sound art and sculpture to explore the interface between private and public, inside and outside, individuals and surroundings," said Tanya Sticca, communications manager at AGWA.



"She is highly regarded for her sophisticated use of technologies, both pre-existing and those developed by the artist herself: In this case a solar-powered light captured on the roof and encased in sky-blue cable which winds its way into and around two floors of the Gallery.

"Enveloping a multitude of Gallery spaces, her new work invites visitors to observe and engage more closely with their surroundings. It also draws attention to the Gallery's architecture and structural details, especially those which are often overlooked.

"The cable travels through the Concourse to the entrance foyer, while a second line wraps around a column on the second floor before making its way to the wall that frames the stairwell. Here, the cable enters a hole in the wall, large enough that viewers could peer inside. Deep inside the cavity of the wall, sunlight emits from the end of the optic line and strikes a prism element that has been embedded there. The prism itself is not visible, but the refracted sunlight creates a nascent rainbow, which hovers in the excavated space inside the wall."

Swartz with AGWA curator Jenehper Duncan will discuss how this project came about. The event is free to attend and takes place 13.00 hrs (1.00pm) Sunday 23 October.

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