

## The Unflinching Gaze to open at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

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Todd Fuller and Amy Hill, *They're Only Words* (still) 2009, film, 2:42 mins. From *The Unflinching Gaze*, opening at BRAG on Saturday. PHOTO: Courtesy the artists and May Space Gallery, Sydney.

WE had an exciting sneak preview of Bathurst Regional Art Gallery's new exhibition *Unflinching Gaze: Photo Media & the Male Figure* when Richard Perram spoke at the Arts OutWest arts networking night.

Let's just say it's been a long and sometimes complex road bringing these 200-plus photo and video works together.

Richard Perram has been curating this exhibition in his mind for many years.

It's the first major Australian photographic exhibition of the male figure through LGBTI eyes including Robert Mapplethorpe, Robert Wilson and William Yang but also with some surprising juxtapositions like historic photos from the Holtermann Collection.

Works represent 62 artists (24 Australian and 38 international) and deal with how the male figure has been represented in photo media over the past 140 years.

It launches with an impressive full-day symposia this Saturday from 10am-4pm at the gallery before the launch at 6pm and the official LGBTIQ /friendly after party 8pm at The Carrington.

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