

# News Release

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## **STURT CELEBRATES THE TEAPOT**

**Sturt celebrates the teapot in a fantastic exhibition of new ceramics entitled “Handled” by New Zealand artist Chris Weaver. The exhibition runs from 16 May to 20 June 2010.**

**Chris Weaver** is concerned with form, function and an honest approach to the materials that he uses. His beautiful yet utilitarian objects reference the past but also have contemporary sculptural qualities. Some of the new work that Chris will exhibit in this show have been brought from his studio in New Zealand. Other objects have been made by Chris at Sturt, reviving the tradition of using Sturt Pottery as a working studio for well known, established ceramicists.

Chris is currently on a 3 month visit to Australia as one of Sturt’s artists in residence for 2010. Sturt maintains one of the largest craft based residency programs in Australia with places for up to 8 artists in residence each year.

**Chris Weaver** established his ceramics studio in Kaniere on the South Island of New Zealand after graduating from Otago Polytechnic School of Art in 1975. Chris regularly exhibits in New Zealand and throughout Asia and has also exhibited in Australia, the US and Germany. Chris has won many grants and awards including several Creative New Zealand grants and an International Ceramics Award from the Shepparton Art Gallery in Victoria. Chris’s teapots are now found in many public and private collections and featured in a recent exhibition of international tableware at the Rex Irwin Gallery in Sydney.

**The exhibition will be officially opened on Sunday 16 May at 11am by special guest Rex Irwin, owner of Rex Irwin Gallery in Sydney. FREE EVENT.**

Rex Irwin established Rex Irwin Art Dealer in Sydney in 1976. The gallery represents important Australian and international artists, and has an exciting exhibition programme with a new exhibition every three to four weeks. The gallery supports and encourages emerging artists as well as established senior artists.

**Artist’s talk and visual presentation by Chris Weaver on Sunday 16 May at 1.30pm. FREE EVENT.**

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