



the valley of the **nightflowers**

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Exhibition invites you into a garden of the unusual

Ever noticed a woman who effortlessly stands out from the crowd?

She's the one dancing, howling at the moon and frankly, my dears, she just doesn't give a damn. She's the predator lurking in the hallways, a siren attracting denizens of the dark. We've all seen one, been friends with one, or maybe we are one. Welcome to an exhibition which gloriously and unashamedly celebrates these intriguing night flowers.

Women and flowers have long been associated for their beauty and passivity, but The Valley of the Nightflowers exhibition at Linton & Kay Gallery in November turns that on its head to celebrate rebellious women, unusual flowers and beautiful, unconventional art.

Your hosts in this unusual and beguiling garden are well-known artists Jodee Knowles, Anya Brock, Sophia Varano, Fieldey, Calliope Bridge, Monday, Natasha Lea, Sarah McCloskey, Kim Kim Kim, Hayley Welsh and Sheryl Young.

The brainchild of local artists illustrator Natasha Lea and street artist Fieldey, this exhibition won't only demonstrate the diverse female talent in Perth but gives these women a freedom of expression rarely seen on gallery walls.

"We've invited these artists to be rebellious in their thought process, to highlight what we admire in wild women, free spirits and unconventional girls," says organiser and artist Natasha Lea.

The Nightflowers exhibition turns the association of women to flowers upside-down, so rather than relating a woman to a rose for their delicate beauty and perfume, we choose a star flower (a flower that blooms at night and shuts its petals the moment a glint of sunlight hits it) or the giant 3m tall Titan Arum or Corpse Flower which lures its prey with a pungent smell.

"Each of us has our own unique way of executing our characters," says Ms Lea. "They are all so powerful and full of attitude and yet so innocent and pure."

"The work in this show will be everything from playful and cheeky to whimsical," says Fieldey. "It will be multi-dimensional but also very eclectic, which I think will surprise people with its depth of talent and ideas."

As well as each artist contributing six artworks, they have also been given a set of nesting dolls to decorate. These dolls will be on display during the show and available for sale.

The Valley of the Nightflowers exhibition

Date: November 8 – 22. Official opening November 8 from 2 – 4pm

Linton and Kay, Old Perth Technical School, Level 1, 137 St. Georges Terrace, Perth

Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am-4pm

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