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**Agency number:** 646

**Agency title:** College of Fine Arts Students' Association (COFASA)

**Start date:** ? 1990

**End date:** ? 2006

**Creation:**

**Abolition:**

**Administrative history note:** In 1989, as part of a Commonwealth Government initiative to re-organise tertiary education, legislation was enacted by the New South Wales Parliament to transfer the governance of the City Art Institute from the NSW Institute of Arts to the University of New South Wales and became the College of Fine Arts.

The University of New South Wales College Of Fine Arts Students' Association was an independent student organisation of the University and was accountable to the University Council. The aims of the Association were to oversee and encourage student activities within the College of Fine Arts, support affiliated Constituent Clubs, Associations and Societies, to provide materials, equipment and other facilities to students when necessary, represent a recognised means of communication between students, the College administration and the University, to promote co-operation between members and students in other educational institutions, to undertake other matters of interest as arises and to promote the welfare of students of the College.

The Student Association also had representation on all College committees and boards and was financed by a compulsory fee collected by the College on behalf of the Association as part of enrolment procedure. All students of the College were members of the Students' Association of which the Student Representative Council was the elected executive and was a chapter of the UNSW Students' Union. The Students' Association was involved in on-campus ventures including The Palate Café, The Art Materials Store and various social activities. It was also involved in both on and offsite galleries, including:

**The Works Gallery:**

The Works Gallery was an on-campus gallery established in the Greene Road campus of the City Art Institute in September 1987. The Works Gallery was involved in local, travelling and exchange exhibitions.

**Arthaus Gallery:**

The Arthaus Gallery had its origins in the 'Butchers Exhibit', an independent artist run gallery located at 20 Palmer Lane, East Sydney, established by four students of the Alexander Mackie College, which ran from 1982 until 1984. The City Art Institute Students' Association took over the operation and maintained it as a gallery that catered for students and emerging artists, changing its name to the Arthaus Gallery.

In 1990 the Gallery moved to new premises at 379 South Dowling Street, initially calling itself Arthaus Too to cover the transition period between the two premises. The Gallery was run by a committee of students from the College of Fine Arts, and other interested parties, and financed by the Student Association. The Arthaus Gallery was closed in August 1999.

**Kudos Gallery:**

Kudos Gallery opened on 23 September 1998 in Paddington. It was run by the Student Association of the College of Fine Arts. The objective of the Kudos Gallery was to facilitate the curation of exhibitions spanning across all schools, these being the School of Arts, School of Design and Applied Arts, School of Art

History Theory, and School of Art Education. Representatives from each school formed committee members of Kudos Gallery Exhibition Committee.

In 2007 Arc@UNSW became the new student organisation for Kensington and COFA campuses of the University of New South Wales. Arc@UNSW continued the administration of the Kudos Gallery.

#### Timeline

01.01.1990 - The College of Fine Arts came into being in accordance with the Higher Education (Amalgamation) Act 1989

1990 - University of New South Wales, College of Fine Arts Students' Association established

1990 - Arthaus Gallery moved to new premises at 379 South Dowling Street  
23.09. 1998 - Opening of Kudos Gallery

1999 - Arthaus Gallery was closed

2007 - Arc@UNSW became the new student organisation for Kensington and COFA campuses of the University of NSW. Arc@UNSW continued the administration of the Kudos Gallery

#### *Unregistered preceding agencies:*

#### *Succeeding agencies:*

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#### *Succession date*

2007

#### *Unregistered succeeding agencies:*

#### *Unregistered superior agencies:*

#### *Unregistered subordinate agencies:*

#### *Record series created by this agency (in chronological order by start date):*

#### *Date range of creation*

1805	Minutes of the Grants / GAS (Grants and Scholarship) Scheme Sub-Committee of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	-
1806	Minutes of the Studio Residency Sub-Committee of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	-
1813	Sexenne Newsletter of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	-
1817	Zine by Renata Field of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	-
1810	Alternative Handbook of the College of Fine Arts	1990 -
1541	Annual Reports of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association (COFA SA)	1990 - 2006
1718	Artful Newsletter of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	1990 - 1993
1288	Booklet Leaflet Collection of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	1990 - 2006
1804	Correspondence and papers relating to lease of properties for the Arthaus Gallery	1990 - 2000
1803	Papers relating to Administration and Exhibitions at the Arthaus and Arthaus Too Galleries	1990 - 1999
1820	Papers relating to Administration and Exhibitions of the Works Gallery	1990 - 1991
1801	Papers relating to College of Fine Arts Students' Association Committee Meetings	1990 - 2006

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1831	Photographs of the City Art Institute Students' Association / College of Fine Arts Students' Association	1990 - 2006
1830	Slides of Exhibitions in the Works Gallery	1990 - 1991
1826	Visitors' Books of the Arthaus Gallery	1990 - 1999
1828	Visitors' Books of the Works Gallery	1990 - 1991
1807	Artists' Diary / Diary of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	1993 - 2006
1802	Papers relating to Administration and Exhibitions at the Kudos Gallery	1998 - 2006
1827	Visitors' Books of the Kudos Gallery	1998 - 2006
1812	Newsletters of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	1999 -
1814	Survival Guides of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	2000 - 2002
1819	Papers and publications relating to Xerox Positive Zines of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	2001 - 2004
1815	Magazines of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	2003 - 2005
1816	Zing Tycoon Zines of the College of Fine Arts Students' Association	2004 - 2006

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