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The Space Between *Elizabeth Delfs*

Emerging artist and designer Elizabeth Delfs is one of a small group of WA designers to exhibit in the invitation only L'Oréal Melbourne Fashion Festival: The Future is Now in March 2007. Delfs's first solo show *The Space Between* will be held in the internationally acclaimed and award winning brand new offices of architects HASSELL at 61 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

After being selected in 2006 as one of two WA artists to exhibit in *Talente*, a prestigious annual international competition recognizing exceptional emerging work in art and craft held in Munich, Delfs has since exhibited in California and Western Australia, receiving critical recognition and much interest in her hybrid practice.

Formally trained in fashion and textile design at Curtin University of Technology, Delfs's work sits at the intersection of art, garment, object and the built environment. Her work vacillates between habitations and figurative sculpture, created through innovative applications of traditional textile processes with a palette of industrial materials such as foam and fly wire. She works in direct relation to the body and her objects can be viewed on the body or installed in a gallery setting, and when installed create a sense of unfamiliar sensuality.

Delfs, 22 years old, says "My objects ask how we may see ourselves as individuals wrapped in garments, and enveloped by buildings, while ultimately posing the question to the audience of the function of cloth and garment".

Aesthetically and conceptually Delfs is inspired by a well established movement of contemporary hybrid practice, and cites international artists Issey Miyake, Maria Blaisse and Zaha Hadid as influences. She hopes to further promote and engage architects, artists, designers and the general public in the rich terrain that exists between art, design and objects, by using textiles as a way of negotiating the body and the built environment.

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