



The art of paying it forward

Christchurch fine art dealer Fisher Galleries has donated almost \$40,000 to the Dyslexia Foundation of New Zealand (DFNZ). The money was raised through the sale of artworks at their Victoria Street Gallery.

In April 2007, Fisher Galleries and internationally recognised artist Mackenzie Thorpe, who himself overcame dyslexia, opened an installation of monumental bronze sculpture along Worcester Boulevard, home of the DFNZ offices.

The installation comprised four 10-15 foot high bronze sculptures, each

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valued at \$180,000-\$310,000.

To coincide with the installation, Fisher Galleries also curated a major exhibition of original and editioned artworks by Thorpe at their Victoria Street Gallery, with five percent of total sales to be donated to DFNZ.

"Dyslexia is common amongst many of our most creative people—it's a worthy cause and we know the money will be put to very good use by the Foundation," Simon Fisher said.

The donation will allow the DFNZ to continue advocating for support in schools for dyslexia sufferers.