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Academy Award winner Shaun Tan visits the Australian Academy of Design for the opening of his exhibition "The Lost Thing".

The Making of "The Lost Thing", by Shaun Tan
Opening Night Wednesday 21 September, 2011
6pm – 8pm. All welcome.
Australian Academy of Design, 220 Ingles Street Port Melbourne

The Australian Academy of Design is delighted to welcome Shaun Tan's "Making of The Lost Thing" exhibition. Shaun won an Award at the 2011 Academy Awards for this Short Animated Film, which was adapted from the book of the same title. To quote Tan "The Lost Thing" is a fifteen-minute project that was eight years in the making! This wonderful exhibition gives the audience a fascinating insight into the processes and evolution of this film.

"The Lost Thing" details the journey of a young boy who enjoys collecting bottle tops. Whist engaged in this pursuit the boy comes across a strange creature on a beach, a weird conjunction of a sea creature and industrial machinery. The boy realizes the creature is lost and out of place and attempts to find its owner. It is a beautiful story that touches on the need for belonging and fear of abandonment in most of us!

This session will include a special showing of The Lost Thing animation and introduction by Shaun about the creative process of making this film.

Shaun Tan is also a multi award-winning author and illustrator of many illustrated books including "The Arrival", "The Red Tree" and "Tales from Outer Suburbia". The exhibition will be on display at the Academy on weekdays from 14 - 30 September at the Australian Academy of Design.

Opening night will also include the announcement of the winners of the Australian Academy Awards in Animation, a competition sponsored by Passion Pictures Australia and Madman that showcases the work of secondary school students in the field of animation.



Multi award-winning author and illustrator, Shaun Tan



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