



*Ending the isolation.*

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## **Please Touch the Art**

“I sometimes wonder if the hand is more sensitive to the beauties of sculpture than the eye. I should think the rhythmical flow of lines and curves could be more subtly felt than seen”

This profound quote from Helen Keller, the world famous deafblind author, has provided the inspiration for an interactive sensory art exhibition from renowned Western Australian sculptor Robert Hitchcock.

Hitchcock has created a series of pieces that will go on display in the foyer of Central Park as part of Senses Foundations Deafblind Awareness Week (June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>).

Once temporarily blind himself, Hitchcock has created a series of sculptures that are designed to have their aesthetic glory appreciated as much through touch as through visual means.

“I want people to close their eyes and feel the textures, materials and lines of my work”

“Feeling my sculptures in a world of darkness gives a brief, but powerful insight in the world of a person living without vision or hearing. It is a chance to understand that beauty is not lost on those who are deafblind”

By asking people to learn appreciation through touch, Senses Foundation hopes to convey to the public a little of what life might be like without the senses of sight and hearing.

Senses CEO Debbie Karasinski praised Hitchcock and his work in helping the organisation get the message out in a public forum.

“Robert has created some incredibly beautiful sculptures, and by encouraging the public to appreciate them through touch, we think they will get a brief insight into life without vision and hearing”

A commissioned piece titled ‘Louise’ that has been created by Hitchcock for Senses Foundation’s Deafblind Awareness Week, will be available for silent auction throughout the exhibition, to help raise funds for Senses Foundation’s Rural and Remote Program.

Robert Hitchcock's Exhibition of Sensory Art is on Display in the Foyer of Central Park, 152 St Georges Tce Perth, for the entirety of Deafblind Awareness Week.

For more information about Senses Foundation or Deafblind Awareness Week, please contact Jacqui Jordan at Senses Foundation on 9473 5472 or visit [www.senses.asn.au](http://www.senses.asn.au)

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