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OUR cultural obsession with turning celebrity triumph or disgrace into trivial entertainment is the theme of an upcoming art exhibition.

Curator Mariam Arcilla, of art gallery 19 Karen, explains her latest show's re-evaluation of the term 'all publicity is good publicity' led the artists to explore the cat-mousing phenomenon between today's celebrities, the media and the public.

PAP SPEARS opens in time for Halloween on Friday, October 31, bringing together nine emerging artists – Sue Dodd, Mari Hirata, Anthony Lister, Daniel McKewen, Alasdair Macintyre, Sebastian Moody, Archie Moore, David Spooner and Jemima Wyman.

"The theme focuses on the sell-ability of modern-day celebrities in a society where fame and notoriety equates to success, and being worshipped," says Mariam.

"*PAP SPEARS* is a mish-mash of Britney Spears' surname – Britney being the prime example of a modern-day scandalous star – and the term 'pap' which celebrities use to call the paparazzi."

Among the works include Daniel McKewen's paintings and screen-based creations based on anonymity in a fame-obsessed culture, and a sculpture by Anthony Lister that brings to mind the territorial nature of the paparazzi when it comes to 'baiting' stars.

If you're after an interesting red-carpet event, the opening night theme is 'Halloween Hollywood' so dress accordingly. Get down there from 6-8pm for drinks, nibbles and live entertainment.

The show continues until November 22.



Artist Anthony Lister gets pimped by Paris Hilton

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CLEAN up those vocal chords ladies because it's time to sing for a good cause.

Animal-lovers and supporters Chicks@Lunch are holding a fundraiser at *A Chorus Line* next Thursday as part of their ongoing support of the Animal Welfare League and its animals in need.

The musical, to be held at the Spotlight Theatre in Benowa, will see all funds raised going directly to the 12,000 animals that come through the AWL's doors each year.

The animal-loving fundraising group, founded by Rosie Thompson, gets together once a month to raise money for the animals at AWL.

Tickets are \$20. The show kicks off at 7.30pm.