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“WE ALL HAVE THINGS WE HIDE BEHIND”**Emerging Sydney photographer set to exhibit “*SHROUDED*” collection**

SYDNEY – Just over a year since the concept first came to him, emerging photographer BRENTON PARRY is set to launch his first solo photographic exhibition, *Shrouded*, during February.

Through his photography, the 37-year old Sydney-based graphic designer, blogger, aerial circus student and former lifesaver has created an intensely aesthetic look through a series of powerful images highlighting the deep insecurities people experience when they believe they are not quite good enough.

“The whole shoot was about the act of putting the mask on to someone else and knowing what was behind it”, explains Parry. “As much as it may have been me lusting after something I felt to be out of reach, it’s also about the layer of protection we all put up. I love the concept, I took pride in the shoot, and I am really very pleased with the way it turned out”.

Parry has been focused on his photography for many years predominantly focusing on travel photography and portraiture. His dedication has paid off and visitors to his exhibition will see the results of his eye for detail and incredible lighting skills. Working with a group of models, Parry has created a series of 15 unique images that have been exceptionally well executed.

“I love the reaction that people have had to this shoot. But my intention was never just about the shot capturing the moment. It was always about creating the moment to get the shot”, continues Parry.

The exhibition explores Parry’s own personal struggle with being part of Sydney’s gay scene, although he is often perceived to be in the thick of it. “Although we often put ourselves out there through various on-line forums, sometimes even fairly explicitly, at the same time we hold parts of ourselves back – sometimes very significant and important parts.”

The exhibition “*Shrouded*” will run from February 2nd – 13th 2011 at 64 Pine Street Chippendale. Exhibition hours are Monday – Friday 9:30am – 5:30pm and Saturdays 11am – 4pm.

“My life has been one great journey – a chaotic collection of events. But all along this journey I developed a love for photography, which centres on outer beauty and in particular portraiture photography, which centres on the often more hidden inner beauty. *Shrouded* has allowed me to bring both together”, concludes Parry.

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