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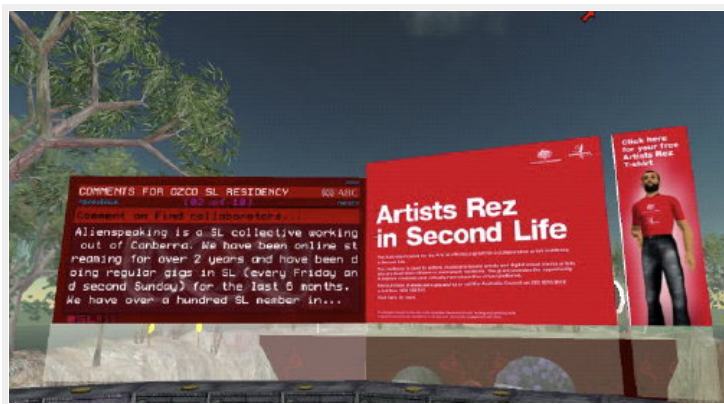
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The Australia Council certainly can't be accused of not howing interest in Second Life as a means of artistic expression. [Last week we reported](#) on the 'matchmaker' service for artists and musicians working in Second Life. Now, in conjunction with the ABC they've announced an artist forum for the 12th July:

"The in-world event, to be moderated by ABC's Sunday Arts reporter/producer Fenella Kernebone, is for the Australia Council's inaugural Second Life artist residency.

In an open forum at 7pm (EST) on ABC Island, Paris-based artist and architect Brad Kligerman – one of the first artists in Second Life to complete an in-world residency – will present his work, discuss ideas and answer participants' questions.

Brad, an architect and teacher, completed his 11-week residency with US-based Ars Virtua , a new media centre and gallery in Second Life, where he questioned the idea of materiality in the rendered environment and the nature of image.



Australia Council chief executive officer Kathy Keele said the partnership with the ABC was a great fit with the Australia Council's Second Life initiative. 'The ABC was the first Australian media organisation to establish a presence in Second Life and we are excited about working with them on this project.'

'We hope that Australian artists gain valuable insight from Brad Kligerman's successful art interventions in Second Life and that they will be inspired to create innovative works in-world that

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