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## Swell Sculpture Festival 2008

### Sculptured Sky - Christo Style Kids' Kite Installation

The Currumbin sky will come alive with movement and colour as more than 300 children assemble on the beach with their hand formed kites grasped excitedly eager to catch the sea breeze. Together they will form a dynamic, large scale public installation to close the Swell Sculpture Festival on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

The *Swell Kids' Kite Installation* is a community based public installation run by Victorian artist and educator Ruth James for the Swell Kids Program. The aim is to deliver an artwork that is accessible to the community through engagement with honest Australian contemporary art making. Ruth James says, "The idea of kids filling up the sky with hundreds of kites is inspired by Christo, an abstract artist who creates large outdoor works of art". It is to be fun, interactive and creative.

The installation will involve children participating in the kite making workshops being invited to fly their kites simultaneously along the Currumbin beachfront to close the exhibition on *Swell Sunday*. The workshops and collaborative installation will be a place of both learning and fun and will deliver an exciting, innovative, cross cultural experience.

School groups and individual children are welcome to the workshops and to the main installation.

Workshops are \$5 per child and participation in main installation is free.

*More information is available at [www.swellsculpture.com.au](http://www.swellsculpture.com.au).*

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Chris Robson and Wind Speed Kites.

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**WHAT.**  
Kids Kite Installation  
*Swell Sunday*  
Swell Sculpture Festival

**WHEN.**  
Sunday 21st September 2008

**WHERE.**  
Pacific Parade  
Currumbin Beach  
Queensland

**KITE WORKSHOPS.**  
Session information available at  
[www.swellsculpture.com.au](http://www.swellsculpture.com.au)

**COST.**  
Workshops - \$5 per child  
Installation Participation - free

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## Swell Sculpture Festival 12<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008

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