

Sisters Natalie, left, and Pip Ryan and part of their piece *The Watchers* are two of the six artists involved in the Dark Mofo exhibition *Disquiet (Off You)* being held in the space under Hobart Town Hall. Picture: SAM ROSEWARNE

Something lurks beneath

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DEEP underneath Hobart Town Hall, something dark is stirring — and it's ready to roar into action tonight.

A response to this year's
Dark Mofo theme of silence,
exhibition Disquiet (Off You)
features the works of
Tasmanians Andy Hutson,
Eva Nilsson and Joseph Ray
Shrimpton, and Victorians Jon
Butt, Natalie Ryan and Pip

Ryan. It has been put together by local organisation Constance ARI and emerging curator Stevie S. Han, who moved to Tasmania to be part of the burgeoning arts scene.

"Since visiting Hobart for my first summer Mofo back in 2011, the arts culture in Hobart has flourished," she said.

"I wanted to be a part of how this laboratory of arts practice develops from the ground up, and get involved with local artists at the grassroots level."

Constance board member Lucy Parakhina is excited to be supporting emerging artists.

"Having this project within the larger Dark Mofo festival will bring much needed local content to a great international line-up."

Disquiet (Off You) will be opened at 6.30pm today and conclude with a Silent Party on Saturday night. Entry is free.