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This is what a life sentence looks like- Aging prisoners captured behind bars

Fremantle Prison has secured the exclusive Australian rights to a dynamic photographic exhibition of inmates and staff from American and Canadian prisons.

The exhibition *Prisoners of Age* features photographs taken by internationally renowned photographer Ron Levine of aging offenders in the North American correctional system.

Fremantle Prison's Head Curator Sandra Murray said being the only Australian venue to secure this international exhibition was a coup for Fremantle Prison.

"*Prisoners of Age* has been shown in significant heritage sites worldwide including Alcatraz and Dublin's Kilmainham Gaol; it is a privilege for Fremantle Prison to host the exhibition," Ms Murray said.

"Fremantle Prison provides the perfect backdrop for these confronting larger than life sized portraits and thought-provoking images of an aging prison population."

Canadian photographer Levine comments, "*Prisoners of Age* presents the stories of some of society's most marginalised members in their own words, revealing much of themselves".

"The exhibition lends insight into why people commit crimes and helps bring the important social issues surrounding the aging prison population to light."

Prisoners of Age runs from 30 July to 21 November in the Prison Gallery, located in the Gatehouse of Fremantle Prison. Admission to the exhibition is free, open 9am to 5pm daily.

An accompanying documentary exploring Levine's groundbreaking project is screening as part of the exhibition. A hardcover publication is available for sale from the Prison Gift Shop.

As part of the exhibition Fremantle Prison will host a free artist's slide talk with Ron Levine in the Prison Gallery at 4pm on Saturday 31 July.

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Note – The photographer Ron Levine and Fremantle Prison Head Curator, Sandra Murray are available for interviews and photographs from Wednesday 28 July to Saturday 31 July. Images are available on request.

See also www.prisonersofage.com www.fremantleprison.com.au

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