

The artist and her staple gun kills it

Swiss-Haitian artist Sasha Huber, who fires an air-powered industrial staple gun into wooden boards to create extraordinary images of people who have been assassinated, will give a talk at the New Zealand Portrait Gallery on Friday at 1pm.

She said the staple tool she used echoed the gunshots that have rung out when victims like Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme were killed for political, ethnic, ideological or economic reasons.

Her series of works, *Shooting Stars*, also includes a portrait of Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl who in 2012 survived an assassination attempt by Taliban terrorists and two years later became the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Huber is the international artist in residence at Massey University's Whiti o Rehua School of Art. She will hold an exhibition, *Agassiz Down Under*, from July 8 until 22 at Te Whare Hēra Gallery on Clyde Quay Wharf.



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