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## FotoFreo 2012

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**Abstract:** The biennial FotoFreo festival celebrated its tenth year of existence this year, with an ambitious core program of exhibitions, screenings, talks and workshops across a multitude of public and commercial galleries, alongside a large fringe ('open') program. 2012 Festival Director Bob Hewitt is a veteran photographer and one of the founders of FotoFreo, and you'll often hear it said that 'without Bob, the event would not be what it is today'. Hewitt is modest about this, but is certainly a driven

and dedicated director - he and his team have built a festival of international repute within a decade. The eastern states have nothing quite comparable, although Brisbane (QFP), Ballarat (BIFB), and Sydney (HeadOn) have all launched festivals in recent years. Sydney's somewhat low-key Reportage, with its photojournalistic focus, may also be one to watch, with talented 'young gun' Stephen Dupont recently appointed Festival Director.



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