



What's Goin' On This Week

Usually synonymous with destruction, wars have also inspired great art - from watercolour landscapes or soldier's portraits to technicolour movies dealing with conflict. Some events in town this weekend, examine war:

Signals in the Dark: Art in the Shadow of War

Jan 17 to Mar 2

Justina M. Barnicke and Blackwood Galleries

Curator Seamus Kealey has always been interested in art with a political bent, and assembled this project to examine contemporary art's relationship with war.

"Listen - it's not a war where you're driving and shooting the whole day. It's sort of relaxed. Some days you do nothing. You do twelve hours and then go to sleep in your room. Not every day you're there something happens. Not every second is there something happening. Sometimes you're just there."

That's one of four former Israeli soldiers from artist Omer Fast's work *A Tank Translated*. The interviews are played on four TV screens, arranged in a tank-like configuration. The English subtitles translate the soldiers' Hebrew comments. But the changing subtitles suggest how we get different messages about war, especially through the media.

For more information on the project, the participating artists and the symposium next Friday, check out the [Blackwood Gallery](#) website.