

ZYKADO

Where: Kantara House, 431 Avoca Drive, Green Point

When: Tomorrow, from 7pm

THE hurdy-gurdy was common throughout Europe between the 12th and 19th centuries, being played by everyone from blind beggars to nobility.

A stringed instrument, in which the strings are rubbed by a wheel while keys are struck to play a tune, to create a truly ancient and mesmerising sound.

World musicians Matthias Loibner, of Vienna, and Tunji Beier, from Queensland's Sunshine Coast, have combined this effect with an astonishing array of percussion instruments, including stones, bells, harps and drums, to form Zykado.

The duo met in Europe more than a decade ago and, according to Beier, play a friendly game inside and outside the bounds of music, with no rules.

Zykado mixes the old instruments and new techniques, combining theory and improvisation.

"The music can be atmospheric at times and other times can be groovy and funky," Beier said.

He described Loibner as "one of the world's great hurdy-gurdy musicians".

The music draws on the duo's astonishing array of worldly travels and music study in



Tunji Beier and Matthias Loibner, of Zykado, will be at Kantara House tomorrow.

countries including Europe, India, Africa, Papua New Guinea and Australia. Beier recently performed with his trio Prrim at the

Japanese gardens adjoining Gosford Regional Gallery and Arts Centre.

Debut CD *Zykado*, was released

last month and will be available at the gig. A two-course dinner and show is \$45. Show only is \$25.

Bookings essential: 4369 1528

PALETTE OF TALENT

Where and when: Gosford Regional Gallery, East Gosford. Opens Friday

SIX Central Coast amateur artists are presenting their first exhibition at Gosford Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, at East Gosford.

The exhibition, called *A Palette of Talent*, will run from Friday to April 5 and feature the work of all six retirees.

The works will also be for sale.

"Art has become a very intricate part of our lives, providing us with much entertainment, joy and some frustration," spokesmen Rod Fountain said.

The exhibition will include more than 70 paintings and mosaics.

A chance meeting between the six art lovers was the foundation of the formation of this group of retirees including Geoff Dickson, Joan Paddon-Row, Maureen Dalziel, Tony Corbett and Rod and Olwyn Fountain.

Dickson, Corbett and Rod Fountain have been recognised many times with awards and prizes while Paddon-Row and Dalziel have sold many of their watercolours to Central Coast and overseas buyers.

The exhibition is free and open daily between 10am and 4pm.