Abstract Nature



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Foreword

From well before the Samstag Museum of Art opened in October 2007 it has been our ambition to present Adelaide audiences with a full diversity of the contemporary visual arts, in all their forms, and of a quality equal to anything that can be found interstate, or for that matter, internationally. Of course the scope of the visual arts is huge, both in the range of mediums that are used by artists these days, and especially in the world of ideas that drive their imaginations. Our approach has been one of patience, careful

planning and some-times a bit of opportunism, to create exhibitions that introduce our audiences to that incredible diversity, all unfolded over a period of time. > more

Erica Green

Director Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art University of South Australia June 2010

Richard Woldendorp

Lake Dumbleyung near Wagin, Western Australia (detail), 2005 ink jet colour print 116 x 195 cm courtesy the artist



The nature of things: thoughts on organic abstraction, beauty and immanence

Only connect, E.M. Forster¹

It seems an understatement, however biologically correct, to describe humans as animals, just as it is hubris to see ourselves as gods or as a superior life-form to which the rules of nature do not apply. Humanity's selfimage in the Western world has oscillated between these extremes in response to surges of new scientific knowledge or philosophical shifts in world views. It is a paradox that our sentience – our cerebral

capacity to recognise our own animal mortality and, hence, our connection with the whole biological universe – is inextricably connected with our momentary perception of the wonder and beauty of being alive in the world. > more

Margot Osborne

Curator Abstract Nature 29 June, 2010

> Jenny Sages Papyrus (detail), 2009 encaustic and pigment on board 122 x 94 cm courtesy the artist and King Street Gallery, Sydney

Robin Best

Born 1953, Perth Lived in Adelaide until July 2010 Currently based in Shanghai

Nyukana (Daisy) Baker

Anangu Pitjanjatjara people Born 1943, Ernabella, South Australia Lives at Ernabella and Alice Springs

R.B. N.D.B.

Between 1997 and 2010 <u>Robin Best</u> and <u>Nyukana</u> <u>Baker</u> have collaborated on a series of ceramic vessels. Over this period the nature of their collaboration has evolved. Each is an artist who has achieved eminence in their respective fields – Best as a ceramicist and Baker as a senior Indigenous artist working in a range of media

including painting, works on paper, ceramics and, most notably, batik. In 1997 Best initiated a ceramic workshop partnership project between the JamFactory Ceramics Studio in Adelaide and Ernabella Arts. Ernabella Arts (incorporated 1973) is Australia's oldest Indigenous arts centre. It is on the Anangu



Pitjantjatjara lands, located in the remote north-west of South Australia, 450 kilometres south-west and across the State/Territory border from Alice Springs. For the project, terracotta plates were jiggered and bisque-fired by Best at the JamFactory before being transported to Ernabella, where six women Indigenous artists, including Baker, were invited to take part in a workshop to decorate the plates with traditional designs, known as walka.

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Robin Best and Nyukana Baker

Finding Malila, 2007 cast coloured porcelain with wirraku walka painted in black glaze by Nyukana Baker. four vessels: 29 x 91 cm collection: Richard and Trish Ryan photograph by Grant Hancock

Giles Bettison

Born 1966, Adelaide Lives in Adelaide

Giles Bettison has taken the traditional Venetian mosaic glass technique known as *murrine* into a new contemporary dimension through his abstract, multi-layered compositions of fused murrini tiles. He imbues his glass panels and vessels with abstract evocations of the colours, textures and patterns of the deserts of Central Australia and the semiarid lands of the midnorth of South Australia.

For Abstract Nature Bettison has created new work inspired by the gibber plains he visited on camping trips to Central and Northern South Australia as well as photographs he took on a flight over the Great Sandy Desert. > more

Giles Bettison

Gibber Plain, 2010 glass 31 x 48 x 6 cm courtesy the artist and Sabbia Gallery, Sydney

G.B.



Julie Blyfield

Born 1957, Melbourne Lives in Adelaide



J.B.

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Julie Blyfield has found inspiration for her silver jewellery and objects in plant specimens she has collected on field trips in regional South Australia and in pressed specimens she has studied in museum collections. Rather than seeking literal representation, she creates abstracted organic forms by shaping, hammering and

impressing the pliant silver with patterns and textures. On the one hand, she is seeking to evoke the essence of each plant, sometimes quite directly and sometimes by means of poetic allusion; on the other, she subtly transforms and adapts the natural specimen into an object that has aesthetic coherence and resolved linear



design. Blyfield works almost always with silver which she loves for its malleability and luminous glow. > more

Julie Blyfield

Windfall, 2010 sterling silver dimensions variable courtesy the artist and Gallery Funaki, Melbourne photograph by Grant Hancock © Julie Blyfield / Licensed by Viscopy, 2010

GW Bot

Born 1954, Quetta, Pakistan Lives in Canberra

GW Bot has created a substantial body of linocut prints, drawings, paintings and relief sculptures, many of which are distinguished by a poetic language of motifs known as glyphs or australglyphs. Her spare yet resonant calligraphy is not intended to be deciphered; it is a distillation of her intuitive response to markings inscribed in the natural landscape – in the bark of Scribbly Gums, on weathered fence posts,

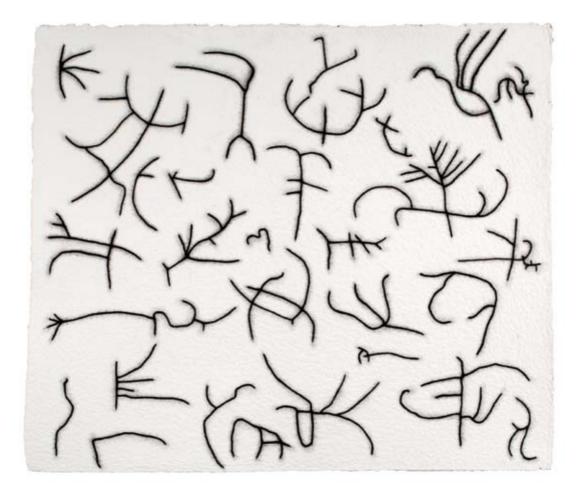
in the patterns of the rocks and parched earth. Her organic drawing process replicates this natural imprinting as she impresses graphite into the dense, fibrous Colombe paper or gouges deep linear patterns into the lino before it is coated with ink and pressed onto the paper. > more

GW Bot

Glyphs IV, 2009 graphite on Colombe paper 100 x 120 cm courtesy the artist

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G.W.B.



Tim Burns

Born 1960, Sydney Lives in Hobart

In Tim Burns' water garden paintings we see the distillation of a state of being in the landscape, rather than looking at it. His paintings are quiet meditations on the minutiae of ephemeral natural events-dappled reflections of light on water, patterns of small insects skating across the surface, creepers trailing through a stream, fallen blossoms carried by the water, the colour of the breeze. Burns' paintings are carefully considered as harmonious formal compositions, both in terms of the lyrical surface movement of colour, texture and pattern, and in their layered depths. He applies layers of paint in thousands of staccato brush marks, overlaid with rippling linear patterns and seemingly haphazard meandering movements. > more



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T.B.



Tim Burns

Like a long-legged fly upon the stream. His mind moves upon silence., 2009-2010 oil on linen 184 x 396 cm courtesy the artist

Pippin Drysdale

Born 1943, Melbourne Lives in Fremantle



P.D.

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Pippin Drysdale is a distinguished Australian ceramicist who for many years has drawn inspiration for her work from the landscape of North Western Australia, in particular the Tanami Desert and the Kimberley region. Her rhythmic, undulating installations of porcelain vessels and closed forms are imbued with a resonant presence

and palpable sense of place. These works are distinguished by a subtly nuanced palette of glowing pigments and by fine meandering linear designs that evoke the aerial contours of the desert landscape. The inverted forms are rich in allusions, being reminiscent of termite mounds, the domed rocky hills of the Kimberley,



or the message sticks seen in Regina Wilson's paintings. For *Abstract Nature* Pippin Drysdale has created two new install-ations, *Embers and Ash* and *Sap Rising*, each with elements drawn from the *Tanami Traces Series* (2006–2009), and the *Kimberley Series* (2007– 2009). > more

Pippin Drysdale

Sap rising, 2006-2009 installation of 19 porcelain vessels and closed forms from Tanami Traces Series IV-VI, Kimberly Series II-III and Tanami Mapping I dimensions variable courtesy the artist photograph by Robert Frith, Acorn Photographic Studio © Pippin Drysdale / Licensed by Viscopy, 2010

Philip Hunter

Born 1958 Donald, Victoria Lives in Melbourne



P.H.

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Philip Hunter's paintings are imbued with a palpable presence. Their resonance comes in some measure from tangible factors, namely their rich painterly aura as immersive physical objects. They acquire deeper power from the intangible dimension of ambivalent associations and metaphorical allusions that are

embedded within the painted surface. By any count they are a convincing rebuttal of the tendency to dismiss landscape painting as an enervated genre, devoid of contemporary relevance. Many of Hunter's paintings are based on drawings made on field trips to the grassland plains of the Wimmera region of Victoria, where



he spent his childhood. His recorded observations of that intimately known landscape provide the bare framework for the slow process of constructing each painting. > more

Philip Hunter

Salt Creep With Fence No.2, 2008 oil on linen 139 x 307.5 cm courtesy the artist and Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney © Philip Hunter / Licensed by Viscopy, 2010

Jessica Loughlin

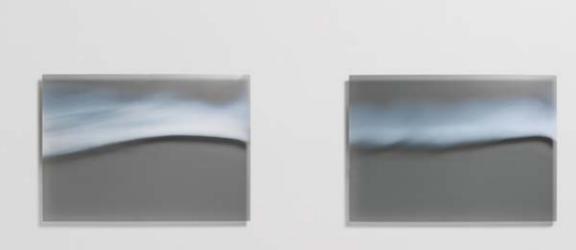
Born 1975 Melbourne Lives in Adelaide



J.L.

Jessica Loughlin's glass works have a tendency to resist articulation into words. Over time they have become more ethereal and less grounded in landscape or nature. Her 2002 exhibition Landscape: Mindspace, consisting of glass wall panels and free-standing forms, evoked parallels between

inner states and the "beauty of emptiness" in the expansive flat landscape of the inland. Since then there has been a gradual progression in her work, which has always been minimal and restrained, towards an ever-more cerebral abstraction. This has gone in tandem with an experimental approach



and increasing eloquence in mastering the language of glass. In her recent series of glass panels inspired by the salt lakes of the interior, she habitually works with a limited palette in subdued tones of blue-grey or greenish-greys, offwhites and frosted clear glass. > more

Jessica Loughlin

an ever changing constant I-IV (detail), 2010 four panels, each 81 x 111.5 x 4.5 cm kiln formed glass courtesy the artist and Sabbia Gallery, Sydney photograph by Grant Hancock

Djambawa Marawili

Yithuwa Madarrpa people Born 1953, North Eastern Arnhem Land, Northern Territory Lives at Yilpara, Northern Territory

Diambawa Marawili is a prominent Yolngu artist and clan leader. In 2003 he took part in the exhibition Buwayak Invisibility at Annandale Galleries, Sydney. This became an important exhibition for its focus on the movement away from figuration and towards greater abstraction in Yolngu bark paintings. In his catalogue essay, Howard Morphy wrote that in recent Yolgnu art the figurative has merged into the abstract

to convey the unseen and underlying forces in the landscape. Layers of cross-hatching and surface designs on an ochre ground create depth and optical resonance representing the power of the ancestral being: > more

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D.M.



Djambawa Marawili *Metamorphosis/Dhakandjali*, 2006 natural earth pigments on bark 189 x 68 cm courtesy Annandale Galleries, Sydney

Wanyubi Marika

Rirratjingu people Born 1967, East Arnhem Land, Northern Territory Lives in Yirrkala, Northern Territory

Wanyubi Marika is a prominent Yolngu artist and community leader. He first started painting in 1998 as part of the Yolngu campaign for sea rights that led to the touring exhibition Saltwater -Yirrkala Bark Paintings of Sea Country (1999–2001). His bark paintings are concerned with narratives governing rights to the confluence of freshwater and saltwater that is part of the traditional tribal country around Yirrkala at the far north-easterly

tip of the Northern Territory. His painting style has an expressive linear energy and conviction that imparts to his paintings a powerful presence. > more

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W.M.



Wanyubi Marika Mumutthun, 2007 natural earth pigments on bark 186 x 58 cm courtesy Annandale Galleries, Sydney

Leslie Matthews

Born 1964, Puerto Rico Arrived Australia 1968 Lives in Adelaide

Leslie Matthews has been a respected presence in Australian jewellery and metalsmithing since the mid 1980s. During this time she has created a coherent and evolving body of work which includes one-off exhibition pieces, limitededition jewellery, and public art commissions. Her approach to her art practice combines methodical, analytical investigation with intuitive creative experimentation. Abstracted representations of bones have been a recurring motif in her work. Matthews grew up in a family environment where both parents were involved in scientific pursuits. > more

Leslie Matthews

As patterns swim (detail) 2008-2010 sterling silver dimensions variable, 9 units courtesy the artist photograph by Grant Hancock

Supported by Australia Council for the Arts

L.W.



Julie Ryder

Born 1960, Wollongong Lives in Canberra

Julie Rvder's silk panels have an exotic, shimmering beauty that is not entirely of this world. Her digitally printed textiles feature a bizarre image world of vegetal forms that exude a menacing allure. These digitally manipulated organic hybrids are steeped in hyper-real hues. They appear real yet unreal, neither entirely abstract nor representational.

Until 2004 Ryder was known for textiles patterned with natural dyes from vegetable material, including fruitfermented *nigredo* silks. > more

Julie Ryder

Metamorphosis 2, 2010 digitally printed silk 250 x 62 cm courtesy the artist

Metamorphosis 3, 2010 digitally printed silk 250 x 62 cm courtesy the artist and CSIRO Australia

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J.R.



Jenny Sages

Born 1933, Shanghai Arrived Australia 1948 Lives in Sydney

Jenny Sages' understated paintings have a quiet, nuanced beauty. Her vision is abstract. organic, poetic and intuitive rather than rational and representational. It is both intimate and overarching, but never detached. Her abstraction is grounded in the small details of organic life – the shapes, the tones and textures of vegetation, the desiccated skins of animals. the weathered patina of

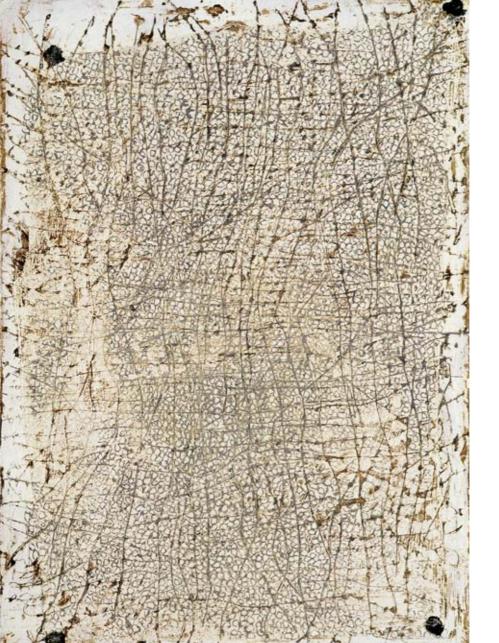
abandoned things – yet it is also imbued with a larger, more ineffable dimension. This may have something to do with a poetics of immanence, the apprehension of beauty and meaning that is encoded in the nature of things, connecting the organic, mortal universe.

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Jenny Sages

Fragments remembered (detail), 2008 encaustic and pigment on board series of four: 30 x 31.5; 38.5 x 27; 29 x 29; 29 x 29 cm private collection, courtesy King Street Gallery, Sydney

J.S.



Catherine Truman

Born 1957, Adelaide Lives in Adelaide



C.T.

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<u>Catherine Truman</u> has achieved esteem nationally and internationally for her intimate lime wood carvings. Since the early 1990s she has produced a gradually morphing series of finely carved organic objects. These objects evolved out of her jewellery practice as a poetic response to the hidden inner world

of human anatomy. They are an embodiment – in part abstract and in part representational – of the interface between her imaginings of the body's inner landscape and her research into the history of scientific anatomical representation. As an accredited practitioner of the Feldenkrais method, Truman has always been interested in the



connection between her carving and practical applications of her philosophies of body awareness. > more

Catherine Truman

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Angela Valamanesh

Born 1953, Port Pirie Lives in Adelaide



A.V.

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Angela Valamanesh has found a rich vein for creative investigation and invention in early scientific illustrations of microscopic plant and animal anatomy. This has become the subject of her research for a PhD at the South Australian School of Art and has prompted an evolution in her ceramic practice. By 2005 she had already moved

away from her previous body of work, featuring suites of vessels displayed as still-life compositions on shelves, to focus on the groupings of organic wall-hung ceramics that have become a continuing body of work. These spare, elegant forms are imaginative extrapolations, alluding to biological life without actually depicting specific



plants or animals in a literal manner. Textures, shapes and patterns are simplified and abstracted to create objects with clean flowing lines that have a biomorphic sculptural presence.

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Angela Valamanesh

Natural Histories H, 2009 unglazed ceramic 59 x 213 x 10 cm courtesy the artist and Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide photograph by Michal Kluvanek

Regina Pilawuk Wilson

Ngangikurrungurr people Born 1948, Daly River, Northern Territory Lives Peppimenarti, Daly River, Northern Territory

R.P.W.

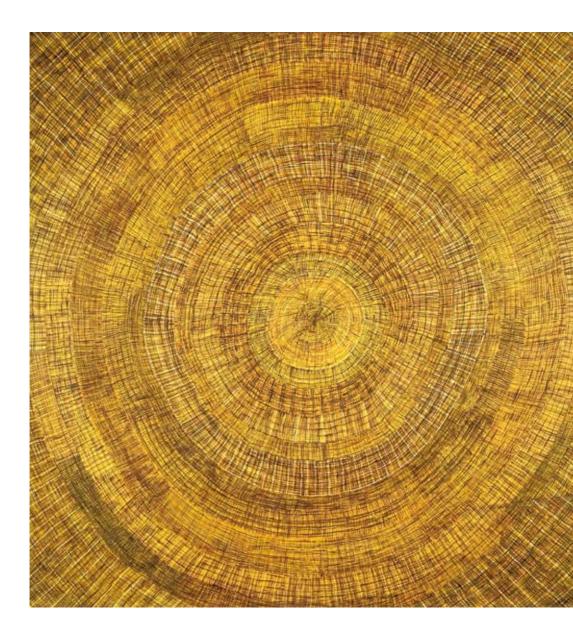
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<u>Regina Wilson</u> is a senior Indigenous artist and, along with her husband, co-founder of the Peppimenarti Community in the Daly River Aboriginal Reserve, situated at a significant Dreaming site on floodplains 250

kilometres south-west of Darwin. In 2007 she was instrumental in founding the Durrmu Arts Centre at Peppimenarti. > more

Regina Wilson

Sun mat, 2008 acrylic on linen 200 x 200 cm private collection, Sydney



Shona Wilson

Born 1964, Edinburgh, Scotland Lives NSW mid-north coast

The fragile beauty of Shona Wilson's

assemblages attests to an aesthetic sensibility attuned to the miniature detail of nature and to the "small, the overlooked, the by-passed". She creates wondrously delicate compositions of found natural materials, many collected on beaches along the Australian coastline. Wilson has worked with a diverse array of organic materials, including insect wings, ferns, twigs, seed pods, bones, dried blue bottles and even fish scales. Her approach to re-arranging nature has some affinities with Andy Goldsworthy. Like Goldsworthy, Wilson has an eye for the innate beauty of pattern, line and colour in nature and an intuitive sense of placement to create harmonious, balanced compositions. > more

Shona Wilson

Diatom No. 19, 2009 twigs, fern, beetle and plastic 20 x 35 cm courtesy the artist and King Street Gallery, Sydney photograph by Moshe Rosenzveig

S.W.

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Richard Woldendorp

Born 1927, Utrecht, Holland Arrived Australia 1951 Lives in Perth

Australian photographer

Richard Woldendorp has long been drawn to those great tracts of the Australian interior and coastline that are inaccessible by road and best seen from an aerial perspective. For many years he has flown over the continent in light aircraft, photographing that largely unseen and unknown landscape from heights of between 500 and 1000 metres above the earth. His distinctive

approach to framing involves pointing the camera straight down and eliminating the horizon so that the landscape appears flattened and abstract. > more

Richard Woldendorp

Macadam Plains catchment area for the Gascoyne River, Western Australia, 2004 inkjet colour print 90 x 120 cm courtesy the artist

R.W.



Catherine Woo

Born 1966 Melbourne Lives in Hobart

<u>Catherine Woo</u>'s mixed media works are imbued with an ineffable aura, hovering between a tangible materiality and an intangible immateriality. To create this ethereal effect Woo balances controlled artistic intervention and the random chemistry of chance. In the guise of a contemporary alchemist she sets in train a sequence of natural

processes through mixing minerals and chemicals on the canvas or metal surface of each panel. This process leaves traces of flux and transformation in the finished work, resulting in patterns with a wondrous balance of nature and artifice, chaos and order. > more

Catherine Woo

Lachrymal Lake 6, 2010 from the series Lachrymal Lake mixed media on canvas series of eight panels: 120 x 97 cm each courtesy the artist, Arc One Gallery, Melbourne, and Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney photograph by Peter Angus Robinson

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Continuous Change, 2009 encaustic and pigment on handmade paper on board 73 x 115.5 cm private collection, courtesy King Street Gallery, Sydney

Papyrus, 2009 encaustic and pigment on board 122 x 94 cm courtesy the artist and King Street Gallery, Sydney

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Untitled, 2009 watercolour on paper 196 x 57 cm courtesy the artist and Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide

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Message sticks, 2008 acrylic on linen 120 x 184 cm courtesy the artist and Caurana & Reid Fine Art, NSW

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Shona Wilson

Diatom No. 1, 2009 Norfolk pine, seed pods, plastic 62 x 178 x 7 cm private collection, courtesy King Street Gallery, Sydney

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Lake Dumbleyung near Wagin, Western Australia, 2005 ink jet colour print 116 x 195 cm courtesy the artist

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