



William KENTRIDGE, *Tide table* (detail), 2003, film still
Collection: Art Gallery of New South Wales

Media Release

The Samstag Museum of Art is pleased to present two outstanding exhibitions:

William Kentridge: Tide table

Animated charcoal drawings by one of the most celebrated artists of our time

Experimenta Playground

An interactive digital media wonder world

29 August – 17 October 2008

Please join us to experience two very different and surprising exhibitions that invite your interaction and engagement.

Experiment Playground is a remarkable media 'playground', with interactive works of art that re-invent the gallery space as an environment of audience participation and discovery. *Experimenta Playground* showcases the latest work from Australia's leading media artists and from artists around the globe.

William Kentridge is one of the most important and internationally celebrated artists of our time, whose unusual filmic installation at the recent 2008 Biennale of Sydney, has been acclaimed by audiences and critics alike. His renowned 8-minute animated film, *Tide table*, is a moving tale of death and desperation, but which also expresses play, passion and spiritual regeneration. *Tide table* exemplifies Kentridge's distinctive filmic technique, in a work that connects powerfully and viscerally with audiences.

Catalogues and brochures accompany both exhibitions, including a full-colour, *Experimenta Playground* catalogue, with an essay by co-curators Liz Hughes and Emma Mc Rae. The *Tide table* brochure includes an essay by Anthony Bond, Director of Curatorial Services at The Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Exhibitions are free. School groups are particularly welcome – bookings telephone 8302 0870.

Exhibition hours: Tuesday to Friday 11–5pm, Sunday 2–5pm.

The Samstag Museum welcomes everyone to a free public Media Art Curating Forum – conducted in association with *Experimenta Playground* – to be presented at the UniSA Bradley Forum on Friday 29 August from 2–5pm. Bookings essential, on 8302 0870 or www.unisa.edu.au/samstagmuseum.

For further information about *Experimenta Playground* and *Tide table*, please contact Erica Green, Director, Samstag Museum, telephone 08 8302 0870, mobile 0438 821 239 or visit our website on www.unisa.edu.au/samstagmuseum.