



JOURNEY TO NOW

John Kaldor Art Projects and Collection

18 April– 6 July 2003

One of the world's outstanding private collections of contemporary international art will soon be on display at the Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide.

The John Kaldor collection is the single most important private collection of cutting edge contemporary art in Australia today. ***Journey to Now: John Kaldor Art Projects & Collection*** provides a rare opportunity for the public to see the remarkable result of more than five decades of dedicated collecting.

John Kaldor AM, until recently Chairman of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney, is a seminal figure in contemporary art patronage in Australia. Outside Arts circles, he is perhaps best known as the founder of the renowned John Kaldor Fabricmaker company (now trading simply as John Kaldor).

The John Kaldor collection features works in photography, sculpture, installation, painting and multi-media from around the world and in areas ranging from Pop Art, Minimalism and Conceptualism, through to Australian Indigenous art. Some of contemporary art's biggest names are represented; among them **Roy Lichtenstein, Frank Stella, Donald Judd, Richard Long** and **Sol Lewitt**.

Kaldor describes his passion for contemporary art as being a pursuit of 'the new': "it's not new for the sake of newness, rather it's about the continuation of being contemporary... I try and keep my vision contemporary."

John Kaldor has been instrumental in bringing a number of world-famous artists to Australia to complete various **Art Projects**. **Christo's** *Wrapped Coast - One Million Square Feet, Little Bay, Sydney 1969* was a founding moment in Australia's engagement with the latest developments in contemporary art. More recently, Kaldor was behind the **Jeff Koons** giant floral *Puppy* installed outside Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art in 1995.

Journey to Now combines the public world of the Art Projects with the very private domain of Kaldor's personal collection. "All works" says **Adam Free**, the Gallery's Curator of European Art and curator of the exhibition, "reveal an intuitive, bold collector who is always at the forefront of new directions in art."

The exhibition charts the accelerating expansion in John Kaldor's collecting activity, particularly in the last decade during which Kaldor has embraced the work of video and photo media artists such as **Andreas Gursky, Thomas Struth, Thomas Demand, Paul Pfeiffer, Francis Alys** and **Bill Viola**.

Art Gallery of South Australia Director, **Ron Radford** says "works of this calibre have never been seen together in South Australia before. We are extremely privileged to be given access to this impressive private collection and to be able to reveal it to the public."

The stimulating and challenging display, comprising over 70 works, will be interspersed with small thematic groupings of works representing some of the ten public Art Projects completed to the present, including those by **Christo, Gilbert & George, Richard Long, Jeff Koons** and **Vanessa Beecroft**. The performance based projects exhibit will feature supporting audio/visual displays.

The exhibition is accompanied by a room brochure and features extensive resource material on the AGSA website. A wide-ranging public program has been scheduled, and includes object talks by local practising contemporary artists.

Artists featured in Journey to Now:

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| Francis Alys | Andreas Gursky | Nam June Paik |
| Carl Andre | Donald Judd | Paul Pfeiffer |
| Bernd Becher | Jeff Koons | Richard Prince |
| Paddy Bedford | Michael Landy | Robert Rauschenberg |
| Vanessa Beecroft | Sol Lewitt | Ugo Rondinone |
| Christo & Jeanne-Claude | Roy Lichtenstein | Frank Stella |
| Aleks Danko | Richard Long | Thomas Struth |
| Thomas Demand | Barry McGee | George Tjungarrayi |
| Gilbert & George | Mario Merz | Bill Viola |

**Exhibition open to the public from Friday 18 April (Good Friday)
Official opening: Thursday 24 April – Media launch at 11am**

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