



2006 salaFestival

ART GALLERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

4 – 20 August 2006

The state's premier visual arts institution, the Art Gallery of South Australia will celebrate the 2006 South Australian Living Artists Festival with a special free exhibition showcasing work by some of our most outstanding contemporary South Australian artists. Works on show embrace a diverse range of media from painting, photo-media, sculpture and installation; to furniture, textiles, glass, ceramics and jewellery.

"The Art Gallery of South Australia is the greatest supporter and promoter of the visual arts in our state, displaying work by the most exceptional South Australian artists every day of the year" says Art Gallery Director, Christopher Menz. "The 2006 salaFestival exhibition highlights just some of the many works purchased by the Gallery in recent months for the benefit of South Australians now and in the future" says Menz.

The 2006 salaFestival exhibition features around 50 works from the Gallery's permanent collection, many of them new acquisitions revealed publicly for the first time here. A number of these acquisitions were made through the Ed & Sue Tweddell Fund for South Australian Contemporary Art. Established by the Tweddells in 2005, this fund has already substantially strengthened the Gallery's contemporary Australian collections, facilitating the purchase of some twenty works of art.

Artists on display in the salaFestival exhibition include: Ian Abdulla, Silvio Apponyi, John Barbour, Frank Bauer, Andrew Best, Giles Bettison, Julie Blyfield, Jane Bowden, Kirsten Coelho, Hilary Crawford, Sarah crowEST, Ernabella Arts, Helen Fuller, Fiona Hall, Jim Hannon-Tan, Khai Liew, Nick Mount, Andrew Petrusevics, Bronwyn Platten, Toby Richardson, Darren Siwes, Mark Thiele, Toby Thomas & Craig English, Catherine Truman, Angela Valamanesh, Hossein Valamanesh, Muriel van der Byl, and the recipient of the 2006 SALA monograph, Aldo Iacobelli.

The 2006 salaFestival exhibition at the Art Gallery of South Australia is open daily from today 10am to 5pm and admission is free. The 2006 salaFestival runs until Sunday 20 August.

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