



# How do you make a great painting?

**'On the Nature of Creativity'** an audio-visual presentation with photographer **Ian Lloyd** and art critic **John McDonald**

**Art Gallery of South Australia.** Saturday 8 September at 2pm.

Tickets: \$20 (\$10 Art Gallery Members) Bookings 8207 7050 or [www.artgallery.sa.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.sa.gov.au)



IMAGES: Artists Gary Sheard; Annette Bezor; John Olsen in their studios

For three years photographer Ian Lloyd and art critic, John McDonald travelled around Australia visiting 61 painters in their studios. They videotaped many hours of interviews and shot hundreds of photos for **STUDIO** – a book, exhibition and audio-visual presentation. What began as a snapshot of Australian painting at the beginning of a new century gradually became an inquiry into the nature of creativity. Artists gave the most surprising responses to a simple and uniform set of questions, revealing insights into the way they think and work.

In this multi-media lecture at the Art Gallery of South Australia, Ian Lloyd and John McDonald discuss what they learnt from the project. Is there such a thing as an ideal studio? How do you make a great painting? What are the secrets of successful painters? Is inspiration more important than perspiration? These are some of the key questions in a presentation that blends anecdote and analysis with an extraordinary mix of images, as the audience is invited into the studios of many of Australia's leading artists.

**Ian Lloyd** is an award-winning photographer who has undertaken numerous commissions for magazines such as National Geographic, Fortune and Time. He has published over 40 books of travel photography from Asia and Australia and his work has been exhibited around the world.

**John McDonald** is a renowned Australian art critic. He is the author of several monographs on Australian artists including *Jeffery Smart: Paintings of the 70s and 80s* (1990). He has worked as a lecturer and editor, and was Head of Australian Art at the National Gallery of Australia 1999-2000.

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