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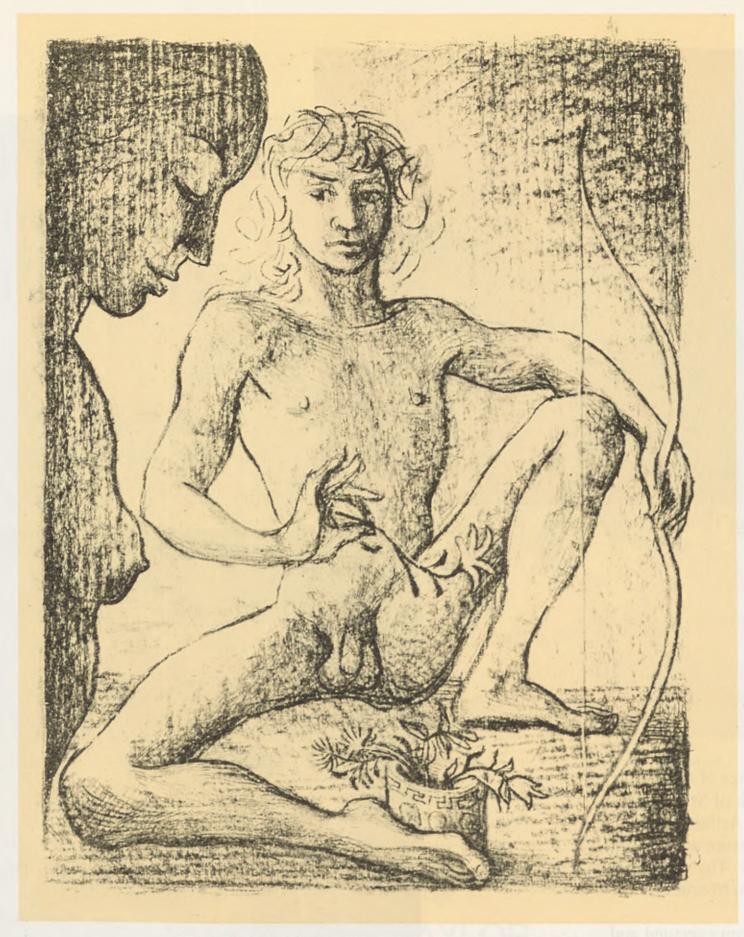
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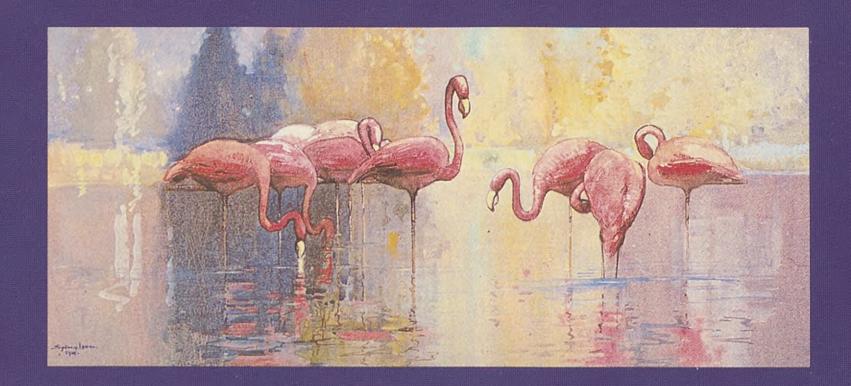
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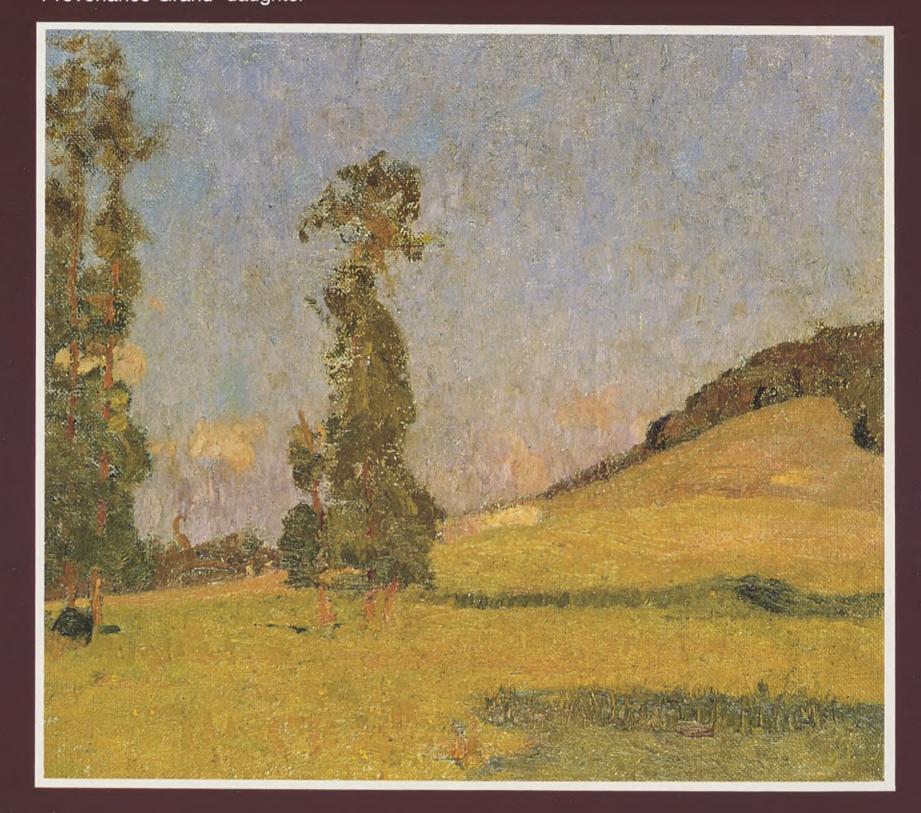
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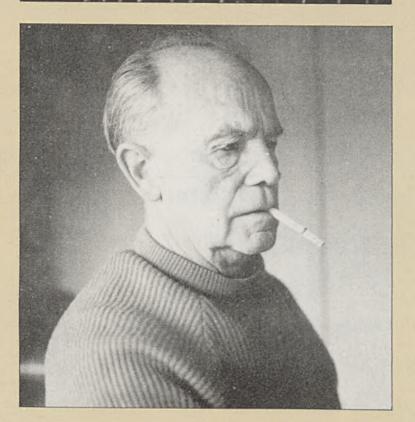
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MICHAEL KMIT

centre
GEORGE FEATHER
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right LESLEY HASLEWOOD POCKLEY PORTRAIT OF EDWARD ROBERT HUGH PAGET (1974)

Editorial

ART and Australia is now in its twentieth year of publication and we are justifiably proud. We are particularly so because, during this year, the magazine becomes a viable operation. The government grant provided by the Australia Council through its Visual Arts Board has been withdrawn but we shall be able to continue publication.

Little magazines seem to be plagued from time to time by financial crises. Some survive them, some cease publication temporarily and then have a rebirth, some simply disappear. *ART and Australia* has not been without such crises during its twenty years of operation.

We began publication in 1963 and, with great difficulty and sacrifices and no financial assistance by way of grants, managed to survive until 1970. In that year, the Prime Minister's Department, recognizing the magazine's worth and the need for it to continue, began subsidizing it to the extent of \$3,000 per year. In 1974, when the Australia Council had liberal funding, the grant was increased to \$16,000 per year but that sum was reduced to \$10,000 per year after two years. Now we have no grant, but shall continue to publish.

During the last year or so, the magazine has mounted an intensive and expensive campaign to gain more subscribers and advertisers: this has succeeded to the extent that the magazine has become a viable operation. However, a continually increasing income is necessary to ensure the future of the magazine in the face of ever-rising costs.

Because ART and Australia reached a point where it could stand fully on its own feet, the need for the government grant lessened and the members of the Visual Arts Board of the Australian Council decided to distribute elsewhere whatever money they allocated, in future, to the support of art magazines.

We are the first to agree that there is need for another art magazine in Australia — a less glossy magazine, a more controversial magazine, a magazine of dialogue — not that we admit to the criticism levelled by some members of the Visual Arts Board from time to time that the magazine is too conservative and too neglectful of the present. Of the three artists chosen to represent Australia in the Venice Biennale of 1981, presumably chosen as representing the *avant-garde*, two, Tony Coleing and Kevin Mortensen, had already been featured by *ART and Australia* with monographs, Tony Coleing as long ago as June 1974, Mortensen in September 1979 whilst the third, Mike Parr had been commissioned to write for the magazine. Of the artists chosen to represent Australia at the forthcoming Biennale, a monograph on Peter Booth appeared in *ART and Australia* in September 1978 and Rosalie Gascoyne's work has been frequently illustrated and a monograph has been commissioned.

If the grant money made formerly to help *ART and Australia* is to be used to support another art magazine, it should be for one that is not a rival but supplementary as it were, expressing in greater detail the viewpoint of the *avant-garde*, directed toward intellectuals rather than the general reading public.

ART and Australia is an important and compact reference. The material collected and published over nineteen years extensively records the Australian art scene during those years. Other art magazines have been launched and have failed. ART and Australia deserves, on its record, to survive, with or without grants; we look to our supporters both past (to whom we are grateful) and future to make sure that it does.

Obituary

Lucy Swanton

by Annette Fielding-Jones

Lucy Swanton was born on 28 November 1901 in Melbourne and died on 1 July 1981. She was a rare and remarkable woman who influenced the Sydney art world for almost half a century.

From 1938 until 1956, Lucy Swanton was a Director of the Macquarie Galleries, Sydney, a gallery whose early exhibitions probably made it the most important gallery then in Australia. Moreover, she was a major private collector of Australian art for nearly five decades.

In the mid-1930s, Lucy Swanton completed a two-year art-history course at the Courtald Institute in London. As manager of Riddell's Gallery in Melbourne, she presented the first one-man Russell Drysdale show. In 1938 Lucy Swanton joined Treania Smith in the Macquarie Galleries, Sydney. Today, with a multitude of galleries in every city, it is difficult to estimate the importance of this one private gallery in Sydney. The State art gallery, riddled with conservative and somewhat decrepit Trustees, was still buying Streeton's gum-trees. The only other galleries were in department stores — at David Jones and the Blaxland Gallery, at Farmers. There were few serious collectors at that time, and few people ventured into the quiet, sunlit gallery in old Bligh Street. However, the artists did. To show at the Macquarie was every painter's aim. The list of those Who did exhibit reads like a Who's Who of Australian art from the late 1930s Onwards: Bunny, Dobell, Drysdale, Dundas, Feint, Friend, Gleeson, Klippel, Lawrence, Miller, Nolan, Passmore, Rees, Wakelin and so on. There were also the European painters escaping ahead of the Nazis: Orban, Herman and Vassilieff. Women painters were never second-class citizens to the Macquarie: they showed the younger Cossington Smith, Preston, Crowley, Haxton, Olley and Bellette.

Sydney's art world was gentle, even genteel, then. Shows opened at noon on Wednesdays with sherry and subdued excitement. Prices were always in guineas. It was not until the late 1940s that art became smart. Then there were ladies in Hats, and Press photographers. The Macquarie Galleries 'Fives Show' was usually the art event of the year. People queued on the pavement all night — as today's young do for Pop concerts — and the best artists sent in paintings to be sold for five guineas.

Such was Lucy Swanton's authority that most young painters were prepared to accept her word about whether they were ready to show.

Lucy was Miss Swanton then — she adopted Ms as soon as it came into use. Women still wore gloves in the street but Lucy was setting off in jungle-greens to visit Ian Fairweather to persuade him to show the paintings that not many people then had the eye to recognize as the great paintings she thought they were. For Lucy, undoubtedly, had the 'eye'. She had, I think, an absolutely sure eye, not for what would sell but for what was good. Lucy believed in the artists, showed them, and bought them herself.

Her first collection, from the late 1930s through the 1950s, was probably the definitive one of its period. This she gave to the University of Sydney. It was pre-Power Bequest, and she wanted the students to see contemporary Australian art; she remained bitterly angry that the collection was housed instead in the Vice-Chancellor's rooms, where few students would see them.

It is not possible to write about Lucy Swanton in an abstract way. She was anything but abstract, though she loved Abstract painting.

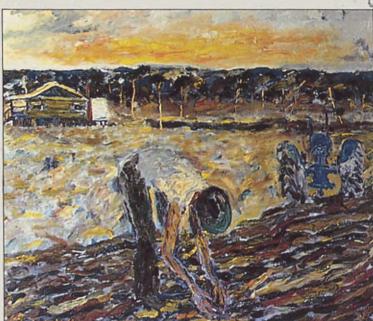
She was quite little, but 'formidable' in the French sense. Not a few were in awe of her. She was also immensely elegant, dressing somewhat throw-away with panache and dash (no little-old-lady careful outfits for Lucy). >

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top GIL JAMIESON MAN IN THE PADDOCK 1981 Oil on canvas 150 × 175 cm Realities, Melbourne

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EDOUARD VUILLARD
LE DINER AUX DEUX
LAMPES (1913)
Oil on paper
on canvas 66 × 65 cm
Tolarno, Melbourne

Photograph by Martin Munz

left JERRY LIEW ALUMINIUM WONDER (1980) Oil on canvas 100 × 100 cm Rex Irwin, Sydney

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JONATHAN DELL
BIRD COLLAGE (1981)
Synthetic polymer paint on canvas
122 × 122 cm Robin Gibson, Sydney
Photograph by Jill Crossley

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HENRI MATISSE MARIE JOSE
EN ROBE JAUNE (c. 1950)
Colour aquatint 54 × 42cm
Stadia Graphics, Sydney
Photograph by Tandy Rowley

THOMAS GLEGHORN
OFF DIXON STREET (1981)
Mixed media on paper 50 × 65 cm
von Bertouch, Newcastle

right
JUDY SILVER
COLLAGE, UNTITLED 1978
Collage 21 × 17 cm
Huntly, Canberra
Photograph by Warren Hudson



Though disinterested in food, a simple invitation to lunch meant perhaps beautifully arranged slices of prosciutto and melon, and coffee served in Museum-quality porcelain; she gave brilliant 'drinks' parties; people who never went to parties went to Lucy's eclectic mix.

Away from the gallery, Lucy Swanton lived a rather private life; people invited to her small, sparsely elegant flat would immediately register why she had already given away an entire collection. There simply was not room. The dark-blue walls were edge-to-edge with paintings; others were stacked against the skirting-boards. There were paintings under the bed; map-chest drawers full of drawings. On the long bookshelves were beautiful objects; white jade from China, a sherd of turquoise pottery picked up at Isfahan, a pure Khymer torso.

The paintings came out on a sort of personal roster, though there were permanent favourites — a group of sunlit South-of-France Bunnys; a great glowing Grace Cossington Smith interior (Grace was a lifelong friend); a batch of beautiful small Passmore Bathers series, and her incredible Fairweather. Later, the younger painters: Michael Taylor (a friend), Dick Watkins, another friend — at this stage one realizes they were all friends. There was a very good Colin Lanceley of his squashed sardine-tin period (to which she remained surprisingly faithful for nearly twenty years) a big latter-day Abstract Passmore, and a late Tony Tuckson.

Lucy once said she regretted not being herself creative and, when it was suggested she should write about the almost five decades of Australian art she knew so well, she declined, saying 'I'm a talker'. Writers though, were among her friends — Patrick White, John Pringle and, more recently, Murray Bail.

After the Macquarie, she went to Sydney University as a 'mature-age' student to study her other great love, Archaeology. Her travels now became rather more specialized. Whereas before she had ridden over the Andes on a donkey, had been to Russia, and China, twenty years before organized tours; through the Khyber Pass long before the Hippy Trail; like Margaret Preston, had gone on horse-back into Petra, 'rose-red city half as old as time'.

She went now into the Sahara to see the Tessili Frescoes and was a bit miffed because the English tour organizers insisted on a medical certificate because of her age. Even then, no one dared to ask. It never seemed to matter. She dashed around the world, all over the Near East, later the Far East, to the Seychelles to see the birds, up the Sepic River, to Arnhem Land with Margaret Tuckson, wife of Tony.

However, for a long time Lucy always had Stokes, her Pittwater house, to come back to. It was her special, private place, a beautiful piece of hillside, dropping down to a fisherman's cottage on the water, with a tidal rock pool, with starfish, a wobbly jetty, and great rocks on which she encouraged native orchids to grow.

Friends, Elaine Haxton and husband Dicky Foot, would row round the cove with Margaret Olley in a straw hat, both of them looking like their Dobell portraits. Patrick White picnicked by the pool — children, too, for Lucy had nieces and nephews she loved and they brought their children. Children loved Lucy: she was Aunt Luce to many.

Lucy Swanton had an incisive mind, read enormously and had a retentive memory and eye. Henry Geldzahler once defined one of his criteria for purchasing paintings (for New York's Metropolitan Museum) as being able to remember it without trying. Lucy could discuss a painting years later, and probably say where it had hung.

As a judge for the Helena Rubenstein Travelling Art Scholarship, then Australia's richest, she cast the deciding vote for the young Fred Williams, declaring — to sceptics — that he certainly would justify the choice.

Lucy became even more of an activist in her later years. She cared enormously about Aborigines, helped with homework at La Perouse, and supported their Medical Centre from its inception. She cared about ecology and was an active member of the anti-uranium lobby. She did volunteer work for W.E.L. and marched in Vietnam Moratoriums. Lately, she helped found the

Harbour Protections Committee. (All who knew her were aware of her strong commitment to politics in the Whitlam years and her bitter condemnation of Kerr.)

Until her death, she went on collecting paintings. She bought big paintings she could not house, so some went to Newcastle gallery and to Wollongong gallery.

Lucy Swanton did not want a funeral or memorial service but there was a sudden sense that a quite rare person had gone out of many people's lives and, particularly, from the art world of Sydney.

James Mollison said 'Lucy was one of the few people to whom I referred, when we began to acquire works of great quality for the Australian National Gallery. Even now, she looks over my shoulder when I am considering any work.'



Obituary

Michael Kmit

by Alan McCulloch

When Michael Kmit arrived in Australia in 1950, his dark and sombre paintings splashed with jewel-like colours had much of the fascination of the unknown. Migrating from Poland, Kmit had brought with him the influence of the Christian icon, a legacy to the Ukraine and other Russian provinces, from tenth-century Byzantium. The Ukrainian icon was thus both religious and exotic. In Kmit's hands it was a Joseph's coat of many colours with a Christ theme.

Kmit, who died in July 1981, was born at Stryj in the Western Ukraine in 1910. He studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Cracow and taught at Lviv, Poland, and Landeck, Austria.

Early in World War II he served as a lieutenant in the Polish army, escaped from the Russians by surrendering to the Germans and spent the rest of the war in a German prison camp. Afterwards he worked in Vienna, Italy and Paris. There is little doubt that his wartime experiences helped shape his personality, a strange mixture of Messianic confidence and acute despondency but vital and as full of colour as his art.

To establish himself in Australia, Kmit worked as a railway porter. He began exhibiting with the Sydney Group and achieved his first success and eventual independence from that work with a commendation in the initial Blake Prize exhibition in 1951. This led to a substantial string of awards — the Blake Prize >

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HEAD STUDY Synthetic polymer paint on 50 × 75 cm Holdsworth, Sydney

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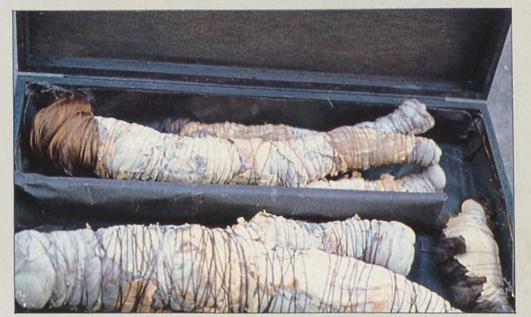
GEOFFREY PROUD STILL LIFE WITH TEACUP AND ORCHIDS Mixed media on transparent synthetic polymer resin Robin Gibson, Sydney

JUTTA FEDDERSEN MUMIEN 2 Mixed media 75 x 45 x 12 cm Realities, Melbourne

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top left EMILE BAROLLE SARA AND WILLY (NO. 14) 1981 Oil on canvas 68 × 63 cm Profile, Melbourne Photograph by Adrian Braun

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RON FRANCIS SUE'S PORTRAIT 1981
Oil on canvas 100 × 75cm Profile, Melbourne
Photograph by Adrian Braun

MITZI McCOLL POISE (1981)
Gosford sandstone 23 × 73 × 31 cm
Murray Crescent, Canberra

NOELA HILLS THE COLLECTOR (1981)
Colour pencil on paper 43 × 55 cm
Robin Gibson, Sydney
Photograph by Jill Crossley

itself, 1953, Perth Prize, 1954, Critics Prize for contemporary art, 1955, Darcy Morris Memorial Prize, 1956, and Sulman Prize, 1957. By then his colourful iconography had become known throughout Australia. The sloe eyes and jewelled eyelids of his women and the barbaric reds and blues of his palette had gained him a place of his own in the phalanx of the 'heroic years 'By far the strongest talent among the migrant artists who have come to this country in recent years,' wrote a contemporary critic.'; and, again, 'Kmit's development has gathered pace since his sojourn here, without surrendering the slightest part of his essentially national character . . . (he has) . . . intensified his nationalism by his memories of things past.' In affirmation, his Blake Prize painting, *The Evangelist, John Mark*, 1953, the no less striking *Cello Player*, 1954, and the remarkable portrait of Wallace Thornton, 1955, all appeared as emblems of a new cultural injection into local art.

In his pre-war days Kmit had participated in a large Ukrainian exhibition, sent on tour to the United States of America, and had been marked there as a painter of consequence. Hoping perhaps that Americans might remember this he optimistically moved there in 1958. The Americans did not remember and the seven years he spent there were disappointing and, in some respects, disastrous. However, with great courage, he returned to Australia in 1965 and, vindicating the years spent in America, exhibited some fine paintings — the Lady with the locket (Rudy Komon's exhibition, Australian Art of the 1960s, Sydney and Melbourne, 1965) and Edda, in his exhibition at the Australian Galleries Melbourne, in the same year. This burst of energy was rewarded by his success in winning the Melrose Prize, Adelaide, in 1967.

However, the Australian art scene was changing, moving rapidly towards the general, internationally inspired chaos of the 1970s; icons and their influence were largely things of the past. While Kmit's work still had a faithful following, it received little general attention and the only piece of public recognition he received was his second success with the Sulman Prize in 1971. He won it with a strangely exhuberant painting entitled *Philopena* and, as reported in the press, the news reached him in the bar of a Sydney pub where he had gone to drown his sorrows. After that, his talent seemed to turn inwards confining him to an ever-diminishing sphere of operations. There was to be one final, exotic flowering. In June 1980, he held a large and beautiful exhibition (his last) at the Niagara Lane Gallery, Melbourne. Though including pictures dated as early as 1953, most of those shown were painted in 1979 and they showed him 'as the possessor of a perpetually fermenting spirit still capable of producing extraordinary works'.

So what is Michael Kmit's place in the firmanent of Australian painting? History alone can provide the answer but, to those who remember that introduction to the Ukrainian icon and what it signified in the burgeoning art of a new country, both the man and his work will retain their own special brand of magic. \square

Obituary

George Feather Lawrence

by Lloyd Rees

Some forty-five years ago my wife and I moved to our Northwood home and found, to our surprise and pleasure, that our next-door neighbours were Mr and Mrs George Lawrence. Thus began a friendship between us that lasted for the rest of their lives.

At the time George, like so many artists of his day, had given up all hope?

of devoting his life to the fine arts and was employed doing advertising work for the Paramount Cinema Company. But change was a hand! The artists, John and Marie Santry, established a life-class in their Northwood home and, on Thursday evenings, Northwood artists (surprising in number) and others, Roland Wakelin among them, foregathered to draw and talk — with much of the latter I am bound to state.

Then a group of us, the Santry couple, Roland Wakelin, George Lawrence, John Bucklou and myself made a practice of painting out of doors on Saturdays and this, undoubtedly, proved a stimulus to George Lawrence. His work, which previously had been very gentle (a touch of Gruner influence, may I suggest?) gained greatly in strength but the real transformation, in my view, was brought about by the great exhibition of European painting, mostly French, which came here in 1939 - sponsored by the Melbourne Herald and selected by the late Basil Burdett.

George fell under the spell of the Intimists, Vuillard and Bonnard, but I believe Utrillo had the most influence on his outlook and style and could well have helped him realize the interest and beauty of the tenement areas that surrounded the Paramount office in Surry Hills.

The resultant pictures, sought by collectors and Gallery directors and earning for the artist the Wynne Prize, established George Lawrence as a major figure in Australian landscape painting.

As a man and as a friend he was gentle and warm, with an impish sense of fun. He painted for the joy of it and did not tangle himself up with theories.

Music played a big part in the life of the Lawrence family. George's tenor voice was a delight to listen to and, in earlier years, he and his father and three brothers all sang with the Sydney Male Choir. Bruce Lawrence (George's son) is a distinguished musician and a serious painter as well.

In his last years, our cherished friend met great suffering with great courage and the final sleep came as a heart's desire and not as an enemy.

Obituary

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Edward Robert Hugh Paget

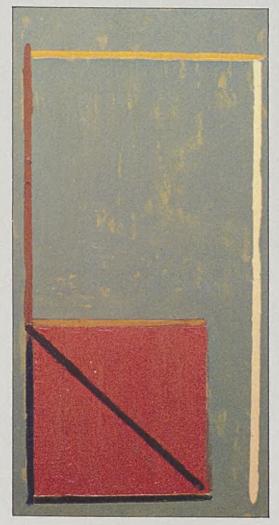
by Patsy Zeppel

Edward Robert Hugh Paget, who died in England on 7 August 1981 at the age of seventy-one, was British Council Representative in Australia from 1969 until early 1974. He was a historian by training and a lover of art and these interests were reflected in two exhibitions in which he played a part in Sydney. One, on the work of Sir Joseph Banks, marked the bicentenary of the landing in Sydney of Captain Cook and Sir Joseph Banks; it was shown at the Australian Museum in Sydney. The other, 'All the world's a stage', celebrated the opening by Her Majesty the Queen, of the Sydney Opera House.

Hugh Paget was unmarried; at the end of his stay in Australia, he retired to his Tudor house at Needham Market and threw himself with zest into the historical and artistic interests of Suffolk. He became Chairman of the Suffolk Preservation Society, which left him little time for research into his special love, the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It was a source of happiness to him, at the last, that his monograph, The early years of Anne Boleyn, was accepted by the Institute of Historical Research in London.

He will be remembered for his gift for making friends, for his sense of humour and for his loyalty, enthusiasm and idealism. Among the mourners at his funeral in Suffolk were Anthony Blunt, Desmond Pakenham (a former Consul-General in Sydney) and Antony Mackenzie Smith, who was his successor in Australia.

Exhibition Commentary



MICHAEL JOHNSON BO (1981) Oil on canvas 213 × 106 cm Gallery A, Sydney

Photograph by James Ashburn

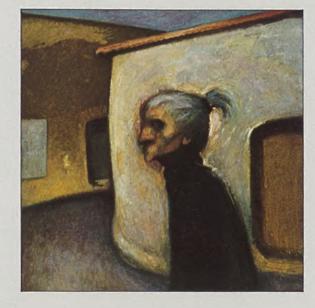
ROBERT JACKS PENSIVE AURA Oil on canvas 91 x 91 cm Realities, Melbourne

below right **IRENE AMOS** BALI PENDEKTYCH Collage on rice paper 80 × 60 cm Verlie Just Town, Brisbane

NOEL COUNIHAN OLD WOMAN Oil on canvas 100 × 100 cm Realities, Melbourne Photograph by Noel Counihan







Exhibition Commentary





top JOHN RIGBY YAMBA (1981) Oil on canvas 105 × 120 cm Verlie Just Town, Brisbane

centre
NEIL TAYLOR
CREEK SWIPE
Synthetic polymer paint
and other media
on canvas
181 × 129 cm
Robin Gibson, Sydney

Photograph by Jill Crossley

right
MARGO HUTCHESON
POLICEMAN ON
HOLIDAY (1981)
Oil on canvas
107 × 91 cm
Watters, Sydney

Photograph by John Delacour Some Australian Presses. No. 5

Dan Sprod and the Blubber Head Press

Two particular factors turned Dan Sprod into a publisher: his interest in and study of finely printed limited editions, and his formation of a major collection of Australian inland exploration. This made him realize both how much important unpublished material there was, and how impossible it was to obtain copies of rare, printed items.

A tour of duty in North America for the National Library of Australia introduced him to some of the various American printed series of original source material and, one especially, *Early Western Travels*, gave him the inspiration for his own eventual publishing programme. An article by Stuart Sayers in the *Age* of 4 August 1979, describes his motives and career in some detail.

His first four books are all octavos, all competently produced but without having any great distinction. They are good, workmanlike editions made by good printers but they do not show any particular signs of a knowledgeable, individual approach to design.

Mr Punch is the first folio. It has a title-page of some charm, perhaps distorted slightly by the large vignette in red, which clamours for attention over the titling. The layout of the book is good but it is a difficult job to reproduce attractively so many illustrations that were crudely printed originally. The overall effect tends towards a Victorian heaviness.

The experience that Dan Sprod has gained by working with Rod Shaw and Derrick Stone is beginning to be developed in an individual and elegant fashion in his latest book, *The Tregurtha's Log*. This was produced entirely to his own design and is the most attractive of his books. A generous page size, skilful layout of type, calligraphic title-page and impeccable editing make it a fine book by any standards, although, again, the title page vignette seems a fraction large, while the paste-on portrait frontispiece has been placed too low on the page. These are, however, minor blemishes. The overall look and feel of the book is good.

Dan Sprod is now beginning to publish books of increasing typographic merit. There is an interesting similarity between *The Tregurtha Log* and James Dally's *Sullivan's Cove* folios, due to a common inspiration and to some use of the same printers. Sprod, though, is more fond of illustration than is Dally and, at present, shows slightly less certitude in his results.

A fair summation of him is that he is a commercial publisher of limited editions, whose prime concerns are with high standards, both of scholarship and of production.

Blubber Head Press Titles.

1979 A journey from Sydney to the Australian Alps... in 1834. J. Lhotsky. Introduction by A. E. J. Andrews. Printed by Edwards Shaw in Baskerville. 500 numbered copies plus 25 bound in half morocco by Peter Thomas of Adelaide. Designed by Rod Shaw and Dan Sprod.

1979 Blaxland — Lawson — Wentworth, 1813. Ed. by J. A. Richards. Printed by Edwards & Shaw in Baskerville. 750 numbered copies, plus 25 bound in half morocco by Peter Thomas of Adelaide. Designed by Rod Shaw and Dan Sprod. 1979 Louisa Anne Meredith: a tigress in exile. V. R. Ellis. Printed by Griffin Press in Monotype Imprint. No stated limitation of edition but 1,200 copies published. Designed by Derrick Stone and Dan Sprod.

1980 The Story of Port Dalrymple. Life and work in Northern Tasmania. L. S. Bethell. Facsimile of the first, 1957 editions, in paperback. No stated limitation of edition, but 1500 copies published.

1980 Mr Punch in Tasmania. Colonial politics in cartoons 1866-1879. C. Craig.



Printed by Edwards & Shaw in Baskerville. 375 numbered and signed copies. Designed by Derrick Stone and Dan Sprod.

1980 *The Tregurtha Log.* Relating the adventurous life of Edward Primrose Tregurtha. Ed. by D. Sprod. Printed by Griffin Press in Garamond, photocomposed, 600 numbered and signed copies plus 25 bound in full leather by Peter Thomas of Adelaide, numbered and signed. Designed by Dan Sprod. □

Geoffrey Farmer

Book Review

Australian Art and Architecture: Essays presented to Bernard Smith Edited by Anthony Bradley and Terry Smith

(Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 1980, ISBN 0 19 550588 3) \$45
Patrick McCaughey recently wrote that there is no centre of Australian art history in this country. He should have qualified this by adding 'institutional'. There is a centre — the private house to which Bernard Smith has retired, in Melbourne, where he set up the first centre before going to Sydney. As soon as he went to Sydney, the centre went with him.

It is entirely appropriate that Bernard Smith should receive a tribute, which is itself a landmark in the history of writing about Australian art.

It is impossible to do justice in a short review to seventeen articles, each deserving separate discussion for both new material and originality of ideas, by seventeen hands constituting a roll-call of all that is most distinguished in Australian art scholarship, although the first contributor, Rüdiger Joppien, on Brierly's First Arrival of White Men amongst the Islands of the Louisiade Archipelago, is an art historian from Cologne.

I shall, therefore, confine myself to two points, the nature of the planning of the volume by the editors and what I regard as the emergence of an original school of art history in Australia under Smith's influence.

Anthony Bradley and Terry Smith have achieved an unusual degree of readability and cohesian in a volume of multiple authorship by planning it not simply in chronological sequence from Pacific exploration to Utzon's Opera House and Arthur Boyd's painting in the critical years 1972-73, but by securing, by means not disclosed in their foreword, a unifying approach in which the emphasis is on the challenge of place. Even Bruce Adams, in the unlikely context of metaphors of scientific idealism in the art of Ralph Balson, who did not wish to see his art 'explicitly related . . . to his sense of placement within Australia', uncovers the extraordinary trials expressed in Balson's last recorded and moving statement about a state where man is no more than 'a lonely creature on this speck of matter', an echo of Alexander Selkirk on his Pacific island, but at the higher Blakeian level of a spiritual affirmation.

What is new is not the deep concern with ideas and social issues that Smith brought to the study of Australian art, but a conception of 'place', already explicit in the title of his first book, very different from the European identification with 'schools' and 'nations', i.e. the Schools of Florence and Venice, Paris and New York, the art of Flanders, the art of Holland, each with their period connotations. Place is now seen by his fellows as both presence and situation, engendering thesis and anti-thesis in the Hegelian sense. In greater or lesser degree, each contributor adds something to our understanding of the variety of the Australian challenge to the Old World inheritance, the main reason why this superbly illustrated and designed book, generously subsidized by the Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council, is so exciting to read as a whole. \square

Artists to watch







top
left WARREN LANGLEY KUPFERRUBIN CITYSCAPE I
CITYSCAPE BOWL Glass Robin Gibson, Sydney

Glass right NICK MOUNT Photograph by Andrew Payne

GRAHAM ASHTON FAMILY SCULPTURE/LA MEDUSE 1979
Mixed media on paper 57 × 77 cm Robin Gibson, Sydney Photograph by Jill Crossley above

MARGARET MORGAN ANN STREET BATHROOM 2 1981 Synthetic polymer paint on paper 104 × 90 cm Stephen Mori, Sydney Photograph by Julie Brown

Artists to watch





DEANNA DOYLE FIXED
RHYTHM 1981
Synthetic polymer paint
on canvas
90 × 90 cm
East End Art, Sydney

Photograph by Geoff Kleem

Centre
GREG HYDE
THE SPINET 1979
Oil on composite
board 61 × 81 cm
Q Gallery, Sydney

Photograph by Heidi Herbert

JOHN CALDWELL THE
COLONIAL LADY (1981)
Mixed media on
paper 45 × 38 cm
Q Gallery, Sydney

Photograph by Heidi Herbert



Book Review

Rebels and Precursors. The Revolutinary Years of Australian Art by Richard Haese

(Macmillan, Melbourne, 1980, ISBN 0 333 299 42 6) Expanded edition \$30 *Memory Holloway*

After a long period of gestation and a rather public birth, Richard Haese's *Rebels and Precursors*. The Revolutionary Years of Australian Art has appeared. It is, as Bernard Smith states 'a book that everyone seriously interested in Australian culture should read', and one that will, I think, generate further research on the period from, roughly, the great Depression to the beginnings of the Cold War.

The amount of material one has to digest in this book is enormous. The range of Haese's research has been vast but the reader will not find the task of sifting through the material onerous. Indeed, Haese's style is easy and clear, so much so that this reviewer's first reading was done in one sitting.

Haese suggests that the radical painters (radical both artistically and politically) of the 1930s and 1940s accepted the styles of European modernism and assimilated and transformed these into an art 'that would reveal qualities of authentic national experience, the nature of which could not be imposed or otherwise predetermined. Like the art, that experience would rarely afford any degree of comfort or reassurance and would guarantee nothing other than a measure of self-knowledge.' The struggle of artists to achieve this revelation is the subject of the book.

To contemporary Australians for whom politics is often regarded as an irksome duty once or twice a year, the intensity of political awareness in the 1930s and 1940s must seem somewhat disproportionate. (One must still remember that Australian political interest was nowhere as involved as that of the Europeans). These were the years of the totalitarian regimes (Fascist and Communist) of Europe — the years of Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin. Despite Australia's geographical isolation the events in Europe were important, and intelligent people realized this. Painters (at least some of them) were not content to be regarded simply as creators of beautiful objects, and removed from the concerns of the real world. If art were a reflection of society then it should encompass and reflect the events that happen in society. As Haese says, 'it was a time when artists refused to see themselves or be seen by their literary friends as painters in a narrow sense. They could be and were both poets and painters, social critics and aestheticians, ideologues and craftsmen, literary editors and art activists — the old categories were irrelevant'.³

The artists Haese discusses were concerned with a need for change. The pastoral idylls of Streeton's late work were no longer adequate expressions of an Australian ethos if, in fact, they ever were. The early attempts at reproducing European modernism failed because there was no attempt to understand fully the circumstances under which these new styles arose in Europe, so, in many ways, the Australian counterparts were often 'pale reflections' and in some cases mere pastiches of European works (or, even more often, reproductions of the latter).

Artists such as Boyd, Tucker, Nolan, Counihan, Bergner and others saw that many of the new styles (that is, 'new' for Australia) of Europe emerged from the artists' attempts to create a new formal language to accommodate and reflect the changing social and political environment of the times. It was time for a mature absorption of the twentieth-century idiom to an Australian sensibility. This, in many ways, sums up the emergence of a truly Australian modernism, which Haese sees as arriving by the early 1940s. The need for a rejection of the self-conscious 'cultural cringe' acceptance of European models as being intrinsically better than native Australian products was now felt. In Australia, Haese argues, this came about partly because of the strong political commitment of many of the artists involved in this change. >

Alun Leach-Jones

The Manhattan Suite is a recent 1980 group of works I made using cast-paper techniques. They were made in New York, having been commissioned by Port Jackson Press, in the workshops of Bummyhuss Papers. Moulds for the paper pulp were prepared from my preparatory work studies. The paper pulp, which was then dyed into many colours, to my satisfaction, was poured into the moulds and then cast, pressed under pressure and finally dried. Each image in the suite was cast in a very small edition, though, due to the variable nature of the process, each work is in fact a completely unique work.

William Kelly

Still Life: Children's Blocks (for T. Salvas) is a computer-graphics work. It is part of a series of 12 prints now under way that reflects the concerns and images common to my work in other media. An electronic stylus was used to make notations on a graphics tablet. It is rather similar to the feel of drawing on a soft-ground plate, though the notations which result are a series of points on a field capable of evidencing approximately fifty thousand points. The tablet is used in conjunction with an Apple II computer (6502 digital processor) plus one B & W and one colour monitor. The image reads on both and can be printed either by means of a B & W dot mattrix printer, thermal printer or photo-transformed, as in this image.

Bruce Latimer

IN OUT: Iran is a silkscreen print in an edition of 50, on rag paper using twelve colours.

Its imagery is based on printed material, postcards, and photographs that I have taken.

My prints evolve from a full-sized pencil drawing with colour notes. I generally use only one screen, discarding each stencil as the image is built up.

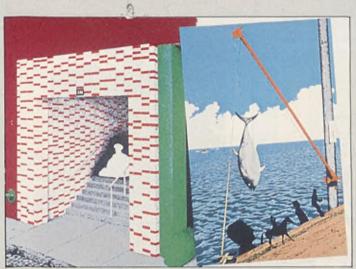
Each stencil image is either drawn on acetate with ink or cut from ruby-lith film. It is then held in contact with a screen that has been treated with a light-sensitive emulsion. Both are exposed to ultra-violet light to form a stencil.

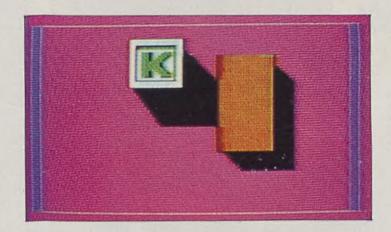
James Sharp

The technique used in this print is the simplest, namely, stencils. The use of artist's quality oil colours, with appropriate medium, rather than the limiting range of colour available for commercial silkscreen processes, is of great advantage. By so doing, one can use the painter's palette, enabling unlimited variety of colour of an intensity or sublety not otherwise possible. A further advantage is that the paint, having more consistency than the more fluid, often too runny, commercial ink is easier to control with the squeegee on the screen.

The Printmakers









JAMES SHARP SERIGRAPH D 1981 Screenprint 42 × 60 cm Edition 6

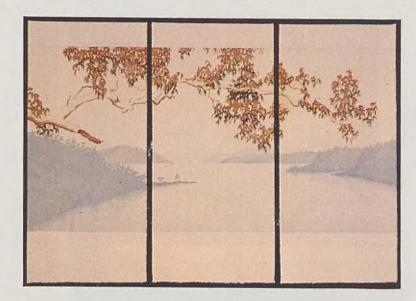
centre
BRUCE LATIMER IN OUT: IRAN
(c. 1980)
Silkscreen 56 × 76 cm Edition 50

above
WILLIAM KELLY STILL LIFE:
CHILDREN'S BLOCKS (FOR T. SALVAS)
(1981)
Computer graphic (photo transformed)
27 × 34 cm Edition 20

Reproduced courtesy Axiom Gallery, Melbourne

left
ALUN LEACH-JONES MANHATTAN
SUITE (1980)
Cast-paper print
Photograph by Greg Weight

The Printmakers









PETER HICKEY
HAWKESBURY TRIPTYCH 1981
Aquatint 65 × 93 cm Edition 35
Photograph by Douglas Thompson

ROBERT GRIEVE CHINESE
THEME 2 (1981)
Screenprint 64 × 46 cm Edition 50

centre right MURRAY WALKER JAZZMAN AND STRIPPER (1972-76) Linocut Edition 25

JOHN H. ROBINSON GARDEN 1979 Lithograph 33 × 48 cm Edition 25

Robert Grieve

This is one of a group of recent screenprints. I have used six screens and the red and pink were printed on the same screen. The print was based on a small collage I did earlier this year. The Chinese writing was taken from an old Chinese book and transferred to the screen by photographic means. The work for the screens was done on acetate films and then transferred to the screens — however, work was also done on screens by removing parts of the drawing. The collage effects were obtained by glueing pieces of Japanese paper to the acetate films to produce the torn edges. The background colour was printed first and the grey last. The title of the print is *Chinese Theme* — 2 in an edition of 50. The size of the image is 64×46 cm.

Murray Walker

Jazzman and Stripper — a four-colour linocut forms part of a graphic and painted series I worked on during 1972-76. The images were visual exploitations of the distinctive sub-culture of twilight industries — the sleazy world of 'down town flesh spots'.

The edition of 25 and 5 proofs was printed on Fabriano 100/100 Cotone paper at William Caulfield's printery in Melbourne, on an old, hand-fed American Wharfdale stop cylinder, flat-bed letterpress machine. I learnt much during my collaboration with the 'commercial — non-fine art' printers who had, in previous years, editioned linocuts for Eric Thake and Noel Counihan.

I used Picasso's elimination method to cut and print from the one block—
it is a hazardous, yet exciting method. Although my lines and shapes differ in
lino to etching, lino does have an expressive edge which, together with the
subtle leather-like satin sheen of accumulated oil-based inks, more than
compensates for the freedom of line associated with expressive etchings.

Linocutting, apart from school and recreational craft use, is a somewhat neglected medium today. However, I must begin some more soon, for it is a medium that perfectly suits the intent of my 'vision'.

John Robinson

The lithograph *Garden* was printed from four hand-drawn zinc plates; drawing materials were litho crayons, litho pencils and tusche, in liquid and paste form. The image formed by these grease deposits later attracted the printing ink.

The plate for the key mid-blue colour was drawn without preliminary tracing. Processing this plate prior to printing consisted of de-sensitizing the non-drawn areas with a gum-arabic etch mix so that these areas would hold moisture and repel ink during printing. The three other plates were drawn and printed in order of warm red, lemon yellow and black.

The characteristics of lithographic printing — transparency and thinness of ink film produced a variety of colour and tonal shifts from the four printings.

Important also was the reassessing of imagery as the print progressed so that, although the initial concept held, the medium had its say.

Peter Hickey

Aquatint is the medium I use in my etchings. It provides the sensitivity of tonal variation necessary to portray the emotional content of my work while retaining a freshness and spontaneity that is so often lost in etching. For this same reason I tend not to work from sketches or photographs but, after having mentally 'etched' my image on site, go directly to work on the zinc plate. I use an aquatint box of my own construction to obtain a range of tonal density. The acid is rather dilute, about 10 parts water to one part nitric. I also work with a brush dipped in a stronger mordant to achieve an effect akin to a watercolourist touching a wet surface with ink. I usually use two zinc plates, one for each colour, an Australian-made Hillday press and Arches paper.

Brian Seidel

Mt Beerwah primeval has been printed in three colours, using two zinc plates, 49 × 50 cm. Each plate was coated with a lift-ground composed of a sugar solution. The images were then drawn on the ground, which was subsequently dissolved to expose the images. A fine aquatint was applied and the images etched into the surface.

The two-colour plate, which was printed first, was inked with red ochre and Wiped clean in the usual way. The plate surface was then rolled up with a raw-umber ink using a large, hard roller and then printed. The second plate was inked in black and printed over the two-colour image.

The work was printed by the artist on Fabriano Rosapina, 250 gm paper, In an edition of 25, as part of a suite of four prints based on the seasons. It was completed in 1978.

Jennifer Marshall

Page 5 from 'Flick Book' July 1980; one block from a series of 10; from a book of 32 images, page size 20×21 cm image size 15×15 cm. Each linoleum block was worked on with an assortment of v-shaped gouges. The marks were cut directly into the surface without making preliminary drawings on paper or On the block itself. The result is akin to wood engraving due both to the fineness of the line and the fact that, when printed the line is white on a dark ground.

The book was printed in 2 editions, the first a hand-printed edition of 6 black letterpress ink rolled on the surface, a sheet of dampened paper (Arches Ingres 85 g.s.m.) placed on top and both run through the press (Hillday etching)

A second edition of 75 was printed by commercial offset, by the Wentworth Press, Sydney and published by Tamarisque. The pages were printed 4 up on Strathmore charcoal paper, and then guillotined. (The plates were made as a result of photographing each proof on a Repco Graphic Arts camera; the liths used were 2nd generation negatives.) Both editions are hand bound.

lan Pearson

In spired by a visit to the snowfields of Victoria, this print was extracted from a series of photographs taken at the time. It represents an attempt to produce a print of maximum realism with a minimum use of screens. The format Was suggested by Japanese scroll landscapes.

In terms of technique, the effect of light on the hills was reduced to three separate tones of blue. The whole print was completed with four separate screens.

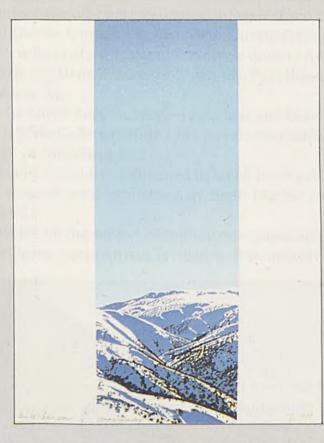
Screen 1. Masking the screen with stencil paper, a blend of blue/white corresponding to the sky, was printed, extending off the paper, top and bottom.

Screen 2. A light blue was printed over all the land area. This was done using a cut-paper stencil.

Screen 3. From the photograph a full-size positive corresponding to the shadows was hand-drawn with Kodak opaque on a clear acetate sheet. A stencil, using Autotype Greenstar, was produced from this.

Screen 4. Same process as in Screen 3, to correspond to the trees, and printed in a dark blue.

The Printmakers

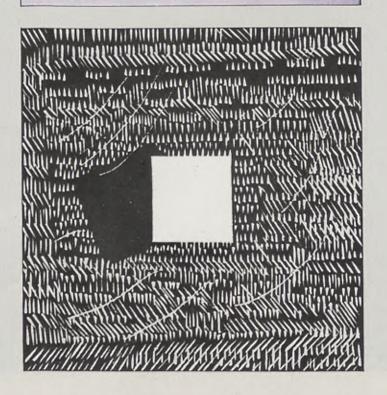


IAN PEARSON COUNTRY 76 × 57 cm Edition 23

below left **BRIAN SEIDEL** MT BEERWAH PRIMEVAL (1978)Etching/aquatint 49 × 50 cm

JENNIFER MARSHALL PAGE 5 FROM 'FLICK BOOK' Linocut Page size 20 × 21 cm Edition 6





The Sydney Scene

by Arthur McIntyre

The past year in Sydney art has been neither particularly memorable nor cheerful. In the field of photography only has any conspicuous progress been made.

'Heavies' such as John Olsen, Brett Whiteley, John Coburn and Sidney Nolan failed to stimulate genuine faith, with painting exhibitions that ranged from drearily predictable to downright dreadful. Whiteley chose to show new works in his Circular Quay studio rather than in antiseptic gallery spaces. This provided some element of novelty and might prove trend-setting as we move into increasingly trying economic times.

Visual Arts Board funding of individual artists for special projects decreased dramatically as a result of Federal Budget cuts.

The lively Sydney-based arts magazine Art Network managed to battle on bravely throughout the year and should be commended for providing a diverse and democratic forum for the local visual arts. Its editors were justifiably disgruntled when hefty Visual Arts Board funding was channelled into the

comparatively pompous and élitest new Melbourne-based arts magazine *Art and Text*. The dedictation and determination of *Aspect* magazine's editor, Rudi Krausmann, enabled him to produce several worthwhile issues of his modest but intelligent brain-child, during 1981.

On the 'alternative' gallery scene there was little serious challenge to the mainstream commercial gallery monopoly. The Stephen Mori gallery (formerly Students' Gallery) in Leichhardt received a much-needed boost in support from a private source but was forced to organize a fund-raising renovation exhibition of donated works in the middle of the year. Artbank (in one of its more 'progressive' moments) made some purchases from the gallery's stable of superior younger artists. A transformed and much more viable gallery space, resulting from a great deal of hard physical labour and missionary zeal, was opened in Leichhardt before Christmas.

During April, the Ivan Dougherty Gallery opened its new home in 'A' Block of the Albion Avenue Campus of Alexander Mackie College of Advanced Education. The improved facilities failed to attract exhibitions of outstanding quality. Perhaps the most disappointing survey exhibition of the year was the pretentiously titled 'Continuum', which featured selected works of past students (covering the period 1960-80 and including pieces by some students who had attended the long-since-defunct National Art School). Many works were on loan from eight of Sydney's leading commercial galleries, a factor that belied the Ivan Dougherty Gallery's stated policy of providing 'a very valuable resource in Sydney for exhibitions of work by art students and artists whose activities are of a somewhat experimental nature and might thus not be seen through the other available exhibition venues'. An exhibition of two-and three-dimensional works by eight sculptors, '8 × 2 × 3', provided the gallery with one viewing highlight during 1981. The contribution of Tom Arthur, Robert Ward and John Penny were outstanding.

The Australian Centre for Photography finally moved into its comfortably appointed new abode in Dobell House, located in the middle of trendy Paddington shopping centre. Interesting photographic exhibitions, improved workshop facilities, a resource centre and the Gallery A sculpture courtyard added to the excitement generated by Dobell House.

The significance of photography as an art form during the 1980s became increasingly conspicuous over the past year, with most commercial galleries showing photographic prints from time to time. Max Dupain's regular reviews

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JOHN WILLIAMS YOLANDE, SYDNEY 1980





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of photographic exhibitions in the Sydney Morning Herald helped greatly to encourage public awareness.

Special mention should be made of two outstanding photography exhibitions held early in 1981 in the old Paddington Street premises of the Australian Centre for Photography. Sixty prints from the Harold Cazneaux family collection Were 'a unique record of one artist's particular relationship with the subject of Sydney, its people, its places, its light and atmosphere'. In April-May, John Williams's 'Living Room Portraits 1979-81', broke new ground for this exceptionally creative photographer. His multiple image 'panoramas' of people in domestic environments were dazzling achievements that satisfied visually and cerebrally.

The resumption of Project Shows at the Art Gallery of New South Wales resulted in some splendid and diversely rewarding exhibitions, most notably Gael Newton's examination of aspects of manipulated photography in 'Project 38' (July-August 1981). Using a working title of 'Re-constructed Vision', Gael Newton gathered together a fascinating variety of experiments with photography, ranging from Warren Breninger's Expulsion of Eve series (silver gelatin photographs with incised outlines, hand-worked colour pigments and pencil, and torn areas) to Bea Maddock's Caliper (etching and photo etching from six assembled plates). Photographic documentations of performance pieces by Mike Parr (John Delacour, photographer) and Kevin Mortensen (Suzanne Davies, photographer) raised intriguing questions related to the art-photographer's role.

'Perspecta 81', staged at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in May-June, reflected the curatorial tastes of Bernice Murphy and Daniel Thomas. 'Perspecta 81' was the first of what, it is hoped, will be a regular biennial series of exhibitions devoted to exploring aspects of local avant-garde art.

Nicholas Draffin's survey of Australian drawings, which complemented 'Perspecta 81' was consistently excellent and helped fill some of the obvious gaps in the selection of major works in the main exhibiting areas.

Few exhibitions by sculptors made any impression in Sydney during 1981. Exceptions were the Oliffe Richmond retrospective at Watters Gallery during October-November and the much maligned (by some Sydney newspaper critics) show by Michael Snape at Gallery A, in July. This critic found Snape's exhibition one of the most refreshingly wayward, questioning and ultimately intelligent one-man sculpture exhibitions seen in Sydney for a long time.

John and Anne Raaymakers made a very determined effort to support local Sculpture at their Allegro Gallery, in Kenthurst, by mounting an expansive exhibition by Tasmanian-based sculptor, Stephen Walker towards the end of the year.

The commercial gallery circuit mostly played safe during 1981. Several exciting one-man exhibitions managed to surface, however, including those by Ivan Durrant (Hogarth), Judith Alexandrovics and Bela Kotai (Holdsworth), Jan Riske (Art of Man) and Jan Senbergs (Rudy Komon). Both Robert Boynes and Guy Stuart mounted exhibitions of above average interest at Gallery A, while Richard Goodwin impressed once again at the Hogarth with his raw and energetic three-dimensional works and mixed-media drawings. One should not overlook the off-beat creations of Jo Steele (from Adelaide), shown at Gallery A, and Giselle Antmann at Rex Irwin, during February-March.

New faces of particular interest were those of Adrian Frost (Hogarth), Vincent Vozzo and Denis Clarke (Holdsworth), Paul Higgs (Coventry) and Mark Willett (Gallery A).

The Lloyd Rees 'Survey - Paintings and Drawings 1918-1980' at the S. H. Ervin Gallery in June 1981 was another fitting tribute to the few 'grand old men' of Australian art.

Stadia Graphics maintained its usual impeccably high standards with exceptional print exhibitions by Henri Matisse and Eduard Vuillard, amongst

While on the subject of Sydney newspaper art criticism, it would appear that intelligent, non-partisan reviewing of serious art officially died during 1981.



top left OLIFFE RICHMOND Aluminium

32 × 30 × 11 cm

FLOATING (1969) HAROLD CAZNEAUX

THE OLD AND THE NEW (c. 1929)

MICHAEL SNAPE ZORRO (1979)240 × 133 × 170 cm Painted steel

Photograph by James Ashburn

Reporting Galleries-The Old

Tia Galleries, Toowoomba

Tia Galleries, situated on the western edge of the city of Toowoomba, Queensland, were established in 1967. They are set in four hectares of land with panoramic views, extensive gardens featuring stone retaining walls, large sculptures and ceramic pots amongst the shrubs. The buildings in the complex have been designed and built by the owners especially for the purpose. The first gallery is ten-sided, more than twelve metres across and set around an inner glassed-in garden. With the addition of two more buildings, there are now seven gallery areas, the largest being 17 m × 9 m and spacious enough for exhibition openings. All the construction is of brick, on various levels and showing exposed hardwood beams. The furniture is in keeping, with a number of adzed ironbark benches and some of polished red cedar, as well as antique pieces.

Initially, Tia Galleries displayed Queensland art, then gradually introduced notable interstate artists of the calibre of Judy Cassab, Eva Kubbos and Reinus Zusters. With other Sydney artists, plus Robert Grieve of Melbourne and Tom Gleghorn of Adelaide, the Directors are able to maintain a high standard, while presenting a wide cross-section of creative art.





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Many of these artists (and intellectuals) felt the effects of the Depression and saw in the self-righteous posturing of conservative politicians, such as Robert Menzies, a home-grown version of the evils that were menacing Europe. For these artists the establishment of the Australian Academy of Art was the ugliest and most profoundly sinister attempt by the reactionary forces to thwart the emergence of a contemporary and valid Australian sensibility in painting.

Obviously, the artists Haese is most concerned with constituted only a minority of the artistic community of the time and they were constantly running foul of many elements in the artistic community (often each other). The anti-modernist forces during this period were many and covered a diverse range. Apart from Mr Menzies and his short-lived Australian Academy of Art. they included the celebrated Supreme Court case over the award of the Archibald Prize to William Dobell for his portrait of Joshua Smith, the Trustees of both the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the National Gallery of Victoria, the latter perhaps best characterized by its long-time Director, Daryl Lindsay, and J. S. MacDonald, art critic, and who was also one-time Director of the National Gallery of Victoria, and one of the foremost proponents of the values of conservatism in art. Waving the flag for more radical approaches were John and Sunday Reed, whose support for artists like Nolan, Tucker, Perceval and Boyd provided the financial security and the intellectual and mora reassurance that enabled these artists to create some of the most important paintings in Australian art history. Writers and critics such as Max Harris, Basil Burdett and Adrian Lawlor also provided moral support and helped to create a vital and exciting intellectual dialogue, which, unfortunately, no longer exists.

There was not, of course, a simple confrontation between the conservative and the radical forces. Within both groups there were sub-groups and factions, all pushing their own particular point of view. The period saw the introduction of the Contemporary Art Society, the arguments for Social Realist art versus the art-for-art's sake of Abstraction, the important ideas of Meldrum, the Shore-Bell school — all of this is summed-up in the questions of whether modernism should be accepted simply for its formal qualities and whether art should aspire to the role of political and social commitment. These important questions provided stimulating discussion and, in fact, still do, as evinced by the recent 'Seminar on Modernism' held at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.⁴

Haese's history is tight. His presentation of the various events, the contributions by artists and others and the political and social background is detailed and precise. The book is a very important contribution to Australian art-historical scholarship. Haese's own opinions are not left out. This is not just a fine piece of historical research: it is a fine piece of critical writing. Haese's own position is impassioned and partial (the critical ideals of Baudelaire) and he expresses them in an energetic and lively manner that makes this book an important standard for future Australian art writing. The publishers are to be congratulated also for the book's presentation. They have allowed the author to include many t nusual and previously unseen photographs and paintings and have packaged text and illustrations in a very handsome format.

¹Bernard Smith, the Age Monthly Review, Vol 1, No. 6, October 1981, p. 7.

² Richard Haese, Rebels and Precursors. The Revolutionary Years of Australian Art, p. 295.
³ ibid, p. 1.

^{4 &#}x27;Seminar on Modernism', Art Gallery of New South Wales, 29-30 August 1981, included papers by Haese, Irene Harris and Humphrey McQueen on Modernism in Australia particularly as it relates to the period between the World Wars I and II.

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Outlines of Australian Art: The Joseph Brown Collection by Daniel Thomas

(Allen Lane, Melbourne, 1981, ISBN 0713913622) \$39.95

Joseph Brown arrived in Australia in 1933, studied for one year at Princes Hill State School, took up an arts scholarship for a few months in the following year, and went on to develop one of the largest collections of Australian art in the country. Outlines of Australian Art: The Joseph Brown Collection is now in its second edition. Since its first appearance eight years ago, Mr Brown has acquired seventy new works. At the end of 1980, the entire collection was exhibited at the National Gallery of Victoria.

In the first edition Daniel Thomas excused Joseph Brown for not having collected much in the area of contemporary art, on the basis that Mr Brown's residence, Caroline House, had little additional space for large contemporary Work. Avant-garde art, he explained, was an area where only the specialist might feel confident. His list of Aleksander Danko, Nigel Lendon, Ti Parks, Peter Powditch, Michael Brown, Dale Hickey and Robert Hunter as young artists for possible consideration already has a historical ring of the mid-1970s to it. In the meantime, Joseph Brown has reconsidered recent art. His choice, nine of the seventy new acquisitions, is careful, cautious and conservative, even safe: a Brack drawing from 1978, Mike Brown, Roger Kemp, Brett Whiteley, Robert Jacks, Michael Taylor, Peter Booth and William Delafield-Cook, and contemporary sculptor, David Wilson. Eleven have by now firmly established reputations. Mr Brown does not back losers.

Is it possible to write the history of a nation's art through a private collection? Such was Daniel Thomas's problematic task as he set out to reconstruct the history of Australian art through the personal choices of a collector. Few art historians could be so well prepared for the job. With Bernard Smith (whose Australian Painting 1788-1970 still remains the standard text) Mr Thomas has, over the past years, done much to shape Australian art history; his work on Tuckson and Strachan, Cossington Smith and the impressive introduction to Candice Bruce's catalogue of von Guérard, to mention only a fraction of his Writing, are unsurpassed. Watertight scholarship and meticulous attention to detail are stamped on everything he has done as Curator of Australian Art at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and now at the Australian National Gallery. Equal to his research has been his ability to identify neglected patches of Australian art and simultaneously to encourage young artists.

Two formats are open to the writer who is presented with a collection as his subject-matter: he can treat each individual object, locating it in a wider Context by working from the specific to the general, as Patrick McCaughey did With the Manton collection. Sometimes this results in the dislocation of the work outside a wider historical network. The picture is described, dated and ^a few anecdotes about place or manner of execution are made. Or the collection can be treated as the genesis of a broader discussion, where the overview, Carefully fleshed out with fact, predominates. Mr Thomas has chosen the latter With some curious results. Because he is writing from the Joseph Brown collection, a corpus which already has its own history, he is ostensibly limited by the collection in what he can use to advance his views. >

Reporting Galleries—The New

The Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney

The Australian Centre for Photography Limited was formally established in 1974 and its first gallery opened that year in a renovated terrace house in Paddington.

By 1977, it was obvious that the Centre's activities had outgrown the tiny terrace gallery and, in 1978, the Director, Christine Godden, and the Executive Committee inspected the empty Fire Brigade Training College and Baby Health Centre on Oxford Street in the Paddington shopping centre and decided it would provide suitable premises.

Three years were needed to complete the long process of negotiations, fund raising and grant applications. The Centre was fortunate in having the support of the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation in this project. The renovations were made possible by their generous support, and that of the New South Wales Government through the Premier's Department, Division of Cultural Activities, and the fund-raising efforts of the Centre's members. The complex was renamed Dobell House and opened on 12 August 1981.

The original fire-truck garage is now a large gallery, the Baby Health Clinic houses a second gallery, bookshop and Research Centre, while the firemen's classrooms and bathrooms have adapted well to the Workshop's studios, workrooms and darkrooms. The architects were Donald Gazzard & Associates and the façade of the building was designed by Sydney artist, Ken Reinhard.

The Centre will continue its programme of monthly exhibitions of a wide variety of photography. Although the emphasis of this programme is to exhibit contemporary Australian photography and to support contemporary Australian artists and photographers, from time to time exhibitions of international contemporary and historical photography will be presented.

The Centre has been instrumental in establishing the market for contemporary Australian photography and, since 1974, print sales have increased substantially each year. The Centre's Print Room contains five thousand selected prints for sale and these may be viewed by appointment.



The belief that one can write an outline of Australian art using this collection as a basis presupposes that history is to be written primarily through and about major figures. Such a view also assumes that these artists' works are represented in the collection. When they are not, the text begins to create a phantom collection, which could, but does not yet, exist. The writer is placed in the position of writing as much about what is not there as about what is.

The absence of significant Australian artists is less noticeable in the chapters dealing with Australia's early history. Still, there is no Watling, Earle, Lewin or Lycett. A more glaring omission, although one rarely considered as being germane to collecting Australian painting, is the failure either to mention or to include Aboriginal bark-painting. Australian art still begins with Captain Cook and Hodges and ignores the pre-existing native artistic tradition. The gaping holes occur with contemporary art where Joseph Brown treads only lightly.

What of the pictures that the writer finds to be of little merit, or even objectionable. Mr Thomas diplomatically veils his own taste and belief behind historical fact, only occasionally permitting opinion a place.

Overall, the text reads with an easy fluency that belies the laborious excavations carried out to bring a vast quantity of information to the surface. With each successive historical category the reader is presented with a descriptive map that guides him through the terrain of individual achievement. Speaking of the period between 1888 and 1901 Mr Thomas writes 'The political nationalism of the 1880s and 1890s accounts for the emergence of heat and sunshine as an Australian symbolism, for Australian outback workers as realist mythology-figures, and for European demigods in Australian landscapes as fantasy mythology-figures. The Australian reception of some aspects of modern French art, Impressionism in the 1880s, Symbolism in the 1890s, also helps account for the look of the paintings.'

This approach is so engaging that it comes as a rude shock to find that the newly acquired paintings which form the *raison d'être* of the expanded second edition are not included in an extended text. Owing to his curatorial responsibilities at the Australian National Gallery, Daniel Thomas was unable to write a further commentary although he has carefully catalogued the work. Instead, Joseph Brown is interviewed on the new purchases, one assumes by Daniel Thomas, although there is no direct indication that this is so.

Joseph Brown now justifies his choices and reveals the method that backs his collecting. In 1973, he explained that 'my sole criterion is: has the work made any contribution to Australian art?' Now he remarks that his principal aim 'is that the collection should grow, not in volume as such, but with works, or more specifically artists who were not represented in the first edition and whose work has since become available'. It is not clear as to the nature of that contribution, whether it be based on narrative impact, iconographic statement, or formal innovation. His emphasis on filling in the gaps with the right name rather than the right work is misleading, since the collection houses some of the finest examples of Australian work through the 1950s. Glover's *Luminous view of London from Greenwich*, the three von Guérard's of which *Ferntree Gully in the Dandenong Ranges* was the keystone of the early work in the collection until 1975 when he donated it to the Australian National Gallery. The two fine McCubbins, the heated Russell watercolours and the severe Brack studies for *Collins Street 5 p.m.* are also enviable acquisitions.

Walter Benjamin once made the insightful distinction that collecting was a different activity to putting together a collection. Collecting has an irrationally that can perhaps be explained only by a need to possess what is most fleeting in life — that is, transitory experience. 'Every passion borders on the chaotic', Benjamin proclaims, 'but the collector's passion borders on the chaos of memories'. Joseph Brown is a passionate collector and in this book Daniel Thomas has arranged the result of that passion into a reasoned and readable history whilst still allowing the collector a few of his memories.

Fabulous Fashion 1907–1967

by Chris Jacovides

Thanks to Qantas, Sussan and the *Australian Women's Weekly*, we are able to have on our shores this fabulous collection, plus the bonus of the presence and knowledge of Stella Blum, the Curator of the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Under Mrs Blum's supervision, each garment of every era and every design was displayed with refinement, style and class. Whatever is one's opinion of fashion, it is very good chewing-gum for the eyes. Fashion is not limited to clothing: fashion concerns everything — art, heroes, singers, furniture, cooking and sports. Many things that we consider as fashions, however, are not; they are stages in the modernization and vision of life. When, in a few years time, paper with new qualities replaces fabric for many hygienic uses, paper dresses will not have been responsible, in any way, for development in design. Let us not confuse modern progress with the launching of a fashion but, when a new fashion does arrive, we should learn how to decide whether important progress has been made or whether it is just a cultural caprice, an indentification with a bygone era and an already evolved progress.

The 1960s section of the exhibition I thought very low key, which was no fault because most of us can remember the period, but the examples of that period I found to be rather poor.

The 1950s section contained too many of Dior's creations and certainly not the master's best examples of his art. I thought there should have been less of them, making room for other designers of the same period — Patou, Jean Desses, Jacques Fath, Castillo et cetera.

The 1940s showed mainly Americana, reflecting the fact that the exhibition came from New York; but why not more Adrian, Norell, Galanos, Charles James, Mainbocher or Trigere? They are, to me, the American designers who really made clothes worth collecting.

In the 1930s we move to magic. Vionnet, Chanel, Molyneux, Schiaparelli, to mention a few. These are Vintage Clothes, most delectable collectables. Where once people dreamed of buying a dusty painting in a junk shop that turned out to be an Old Master, now they hope that among a pile of clothes in a thrift shop or in one of Great-aunt Emma's trunks in the attic they will find a cache of clothes by Vionnet or Chanel or, maybe, a little pleated dress by Mariano Fortuny, probably the most valuable item of them all. This is when you realize that clothing is an art form no different from pottery or jewellery. The detail and workmanship are so pure, so well done that these dresses deserve great appreciation and to be treated as art. No other names are as important as, say Poiret. True fashion, whether or not the hems are raised or lowered, can be worn for fifty or a hundred years.

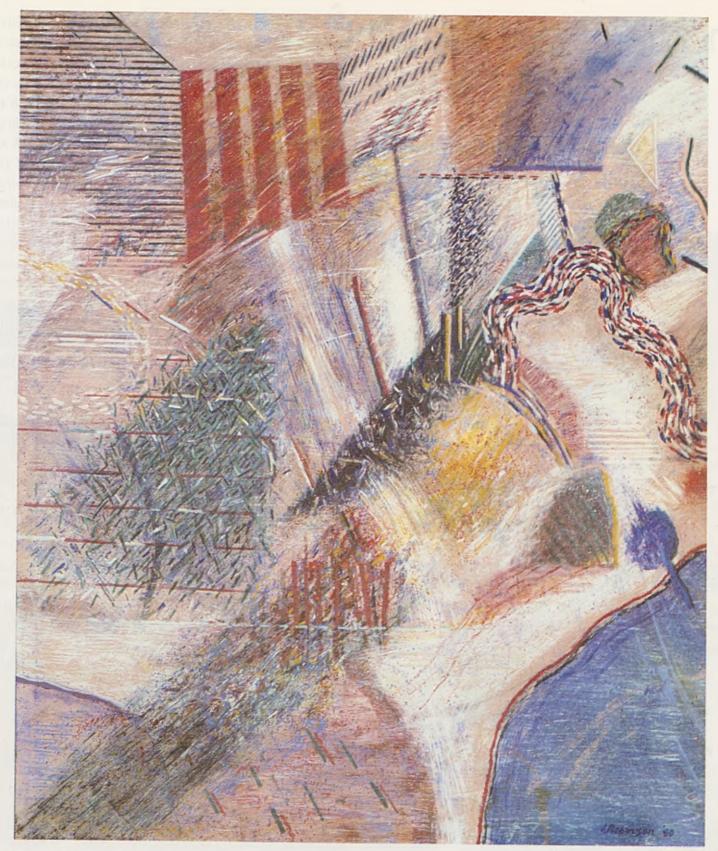
The section 1907 to 1927 introduces designers of the pre- and post-World War I period: Poiret, Lelong, Vionnet, Paquin, Worth and the Callot Sisters, Fortuny, Doucet and Beer. These were the ones who knew and possessed great craftmanship and great art and fashion began to be recognized as an art form.

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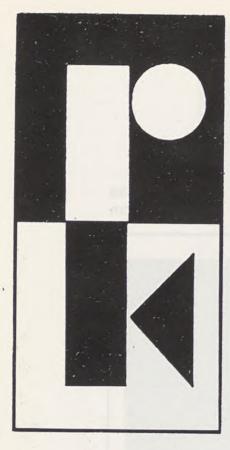


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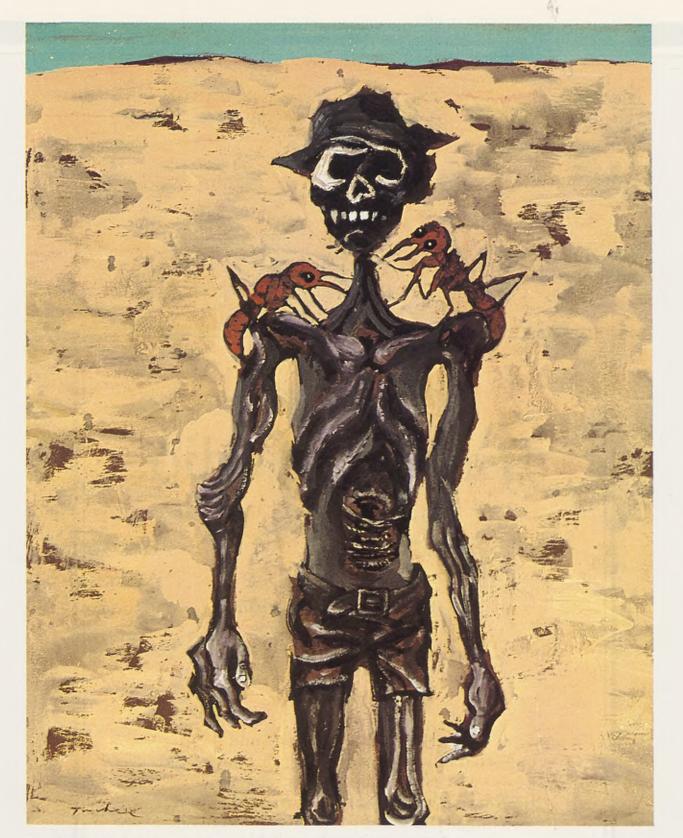
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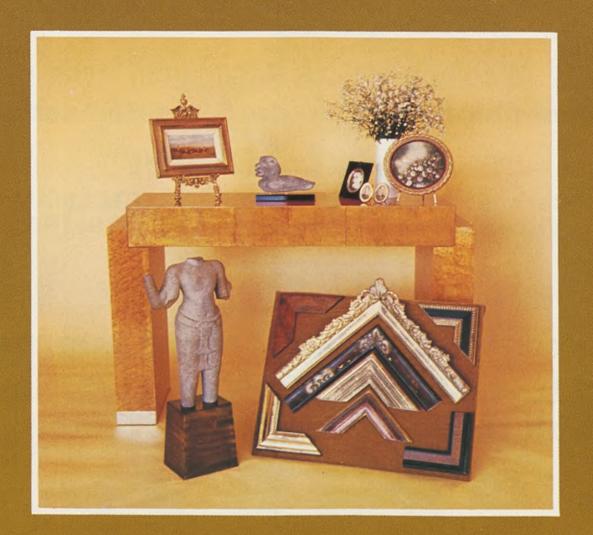
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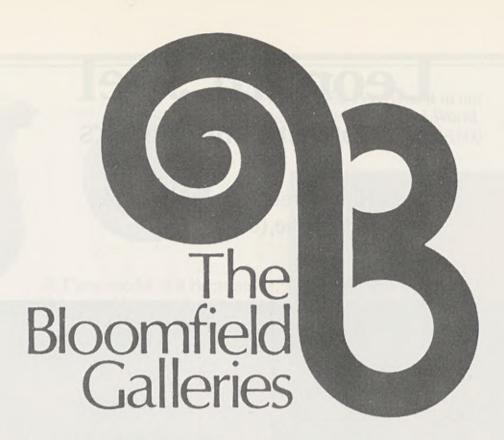
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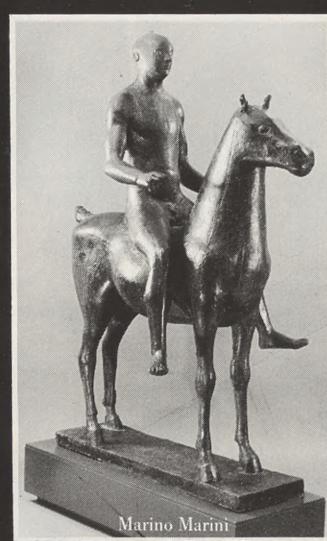
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Tim Storrier, 1981

by Bryan Westwood

When I first saw Tim Storrier's new work. I wondered how such masterful elegance and power could possibly have come from the relatively untroubled, relatively simple, even wilfully banalized conceptions of just a few months before. It did not, to begin with, look or even feel as if the same mind had been at work on them. I asked him what had happened to make these new things possible. I cannot remember exactly what he said at the time but, whatever it was in detail, the substance was this: nothing much. I did not then know that he has a very light conversational touch indeed, nor that he has the countryman's gift of laconism — to an extreme. My taste for the dramatic required that I convalesce for a little while from the shock of learning, despite my own rude experience to the contrary, that great things might indeed proceed from very little. Nor did I then know that Storrier wears a number of masks and that the mask he prefers is the mask of the countryman of that country to which he is so deeply attached. The mask dissembles him, explains him and carries a great deal of sense. Nevertheless, as I came to know the new works better, liking them more and more, I began to ask if we are not indeed missing a great deal in having no detailed records of moments of change. Such moments are, in a sense, the history of all art recapitulated; a study

of them might be instructive. In any event, one is bound to agree with George Steiner: it is therapeutic to wonder why — and to hope, always, that the skein of conjectures we presently call art history might one day be replaced by something just a little more robust in the handling of detail. All of that aside. however, it is true that Storrier had his very bad times working through to his new combines and paintings, very bad times he would rather, for the moment, not talk about or have written about, but the effort has matured him considerably, I believe. He seems much surer of himself, and more at ease with the popularity he won so effortlessly and which he once saw as a threat when it appeared that it would poison his inspiration. Of far greater importance is the maturity of the works themselves: one sees a new man in them and one senses in them some of his new serenity and sense of purpose.

What is so rare in painting and yet something we have to be ready to find praise for, almost regardless of the possibly damaging consequences of that praise, is the sacrificial act that an artist of real gifts will make in his search for truths he can call ultimate, truths he intends for the body of art, for itself alone. What I mean is that had Storrier failed we should have owed him something; admittedly, out of a Christian background



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TIM STORRIER SUN SET FAN (1981)
Assemblage, mixed media 152 × 259 cm
Private collection

TIM STORRIER THE FLAG (1980)
Synthetic polymer paint on canvas
140 × 200 cm
Private collection

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TIM STORRIER SADDLE FOR THE PRIMARY SURVEYOR No. 3 (1981)
Construction, mixed media 152 × 152 cm
Private collection



one thinks, naturally perhaps, of grand failure as somehow transforming and vitalizing (it almost always is not), of the artist as suffering servant, bound to suffer, as Christly impotent . . . and so on. What I also mean is that the heroism of Brett Whiteley's rediscovery of himself goes largely unremarked, just as will the event of Storrier's rediscovery of himself — apart from this brief note on both events. Perhaps if we had found Storrier awash somewhere in a gutter of booze, our thanks would have been, as they would say at the Returned Soldiers League Club, more readily forthcoming. As a fellow artist and, therefore, supposedly somewhat knowing in these matters, I find myself very simply filled with gratitude for what they have done. One learns from them.

Storrier's new paintings and constructions and collages are very close in spirit and mood to work being done in America today by a younger generation of painters, sculptors and poets. The mood, for a change, is calm and reflective and lyrical; its characteristic note is that sense of peace that might come from a walk in the country, through grass, under trees, amongst natural things just listening and looking — and, by degrees, losing the constraints of too much selfconsciousness. Storrier is very much a country man himself, at least in his imagination, and he remembers vividly, when he was a boarder at a private school in Sydney some years ago, how he longed for the clear spaces of the country and the unambiguous life that went on there. Now, of course, he is free to do what he pleases and what pleases him most is to go scavenging in the alleyways of memory, searching again for the order he imagined the country to have or to represent, as much as in the habits of life there as in the things that furnished that life — hardy little enamelled mugs to drink from, wooden spoons to eat with, the saddle to ride on — simple things, necessary things, each thing consolidating and confirming a vision of a world of archetypal, final essence, a world of much wonder and much precision. Many of his new works combine the otherwise trite incunabula of a country life into metaphors of the country itself — and when they are not exact as metaphor, and not intended to be exact, they most nearly are like a pictured version of the countryman's yarn, gently humorous, colourful, full of digression but expressive, finally, of limitless affection.

Storrier has always needed to paint or draw the Australian landscape - even at school, influenced in part by Drysdale and Roberts and Streeton, he did that — but, oddly, it seemed never to have existed for him other than as a fantasy, although for a while he painted some very large aerial views of mountains and cloud, which had nothing to do with fantasy at all. However, those purer landscapes were never entirely free of suggestions, here and there, about how little of the real thing is yielded up from literal translations into paint, as if the thing remembered were always more powerfully present to the eye than the thing seen; one sensed that the detail was largely imagined and that the aerial view itself was a borrowed perspective from a free-floating dream state. In fact, they were painted entirely from memory. There were signs elsewhere in his work at the time that some of the prettifications of picture-making were tending to suppress the genuinely lyrical and personal notes of his love — perhaps the problem was essentially one of technique and nothing more — but the paintings seemed to end in something essentially unrecognizable, or not altogether intended and, by many degrees, removed from an original inspiration. The topography was there, very nicely rendered indeed but, as the song says, was that all there is? Were places, especially these sites of memory, always to be pictured in a series of notes to do with colour, tone scale and so on, or could something more be done to confirm the essences of his own ideas and attachments! What he wanted to say was: I love it, I love it all, regardless of detail, in spite of detail.

Like many artists of his generation, Storrier seems now to have gone back to the earth itself and to symbolized, almost Shamanistic celebrations of its purifying vitality, of the fact of it as author of being and consciousness.

Storriers' earlier paintings were of ruins in deserted space. The ruins were maze-like and deliberately ambiguous but they suggested and even specifically referred to those very peculiar buildings one sees often in the outback, odd structures put up with

Out benefit of plan or experience but which nevertheless (at least for a while) served some private need - now abandoned, now used again — buildings that breathed and ebbed and flowed and had about them some of the unspoken, unrecognized despair of their human inhabitants. In a sense those mazes of lolly-pink brick were emblems for something he waited to discover in himself, a new way of looking at the real world and a new way of recording his feelings about it. What he seems to have needed (it is certainly what he found) was a mark or a series of marks that would liberate the purest formal strains of his developing thought about landscape. I imagine sometimes that if one had worked out the floorplan of the larger of his decayed labyrinths, it would fairly closely resemble the underlying structure of some of his new combines and paintings; the maze occurs in his work again and again in variations that are endlessly subtle and intelligent.

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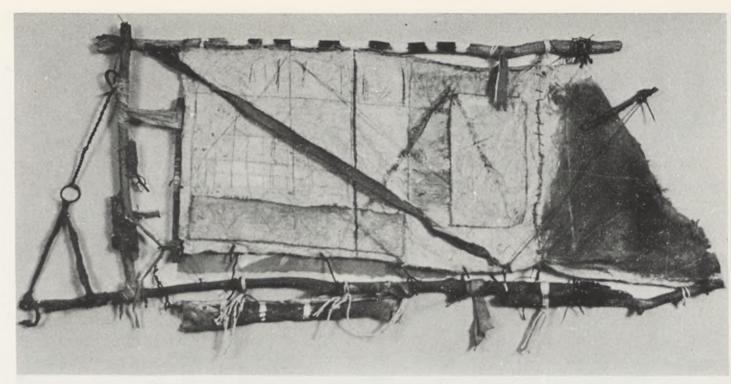
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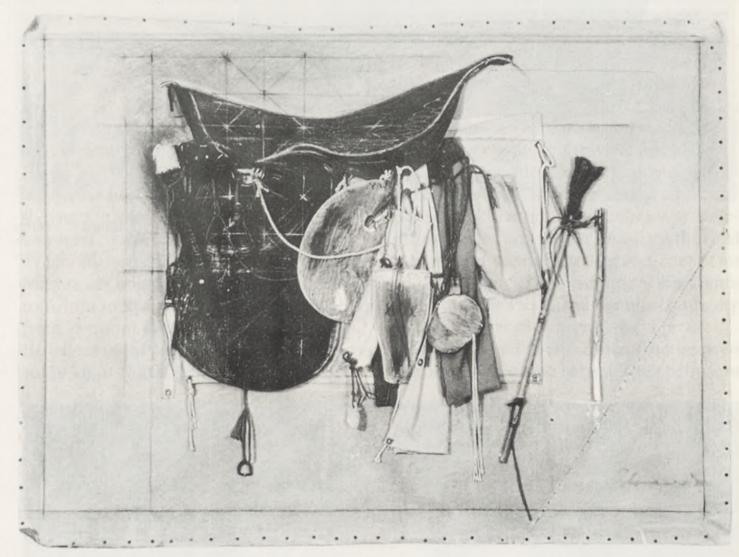
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Those earlier paintings can be seen now as representing a first effort at defining a type of order not seemingly available from direct transcriptions of nature, but they were somewhat oblique or subjective; they suggest rather than state; and they were full of hints, also, at something more deeply snared in the thickets of his own personality and view of the world — and that is, I think, a sense of loss, of unrecoverable time, of memories not perfectly held by the imagination becoming dream, becoming memory of dream lapsed at the verges of mind — and so on. It is difficult to look at those paintings Without sensing in them an overwhelmingly personal statement of biographical fact. There are clues, though; the mazes and labyrinths seemed so often to stand for prison, restraint, disaffection, trap. One thinks of him at boarding-school in the city, longing for summer and return to the country — a serf in feudal places of confinement, sour with the stink of urine (the boarding-school smell), dreaming of grass and wind in trees and night in the open under a winking map of eternity — order

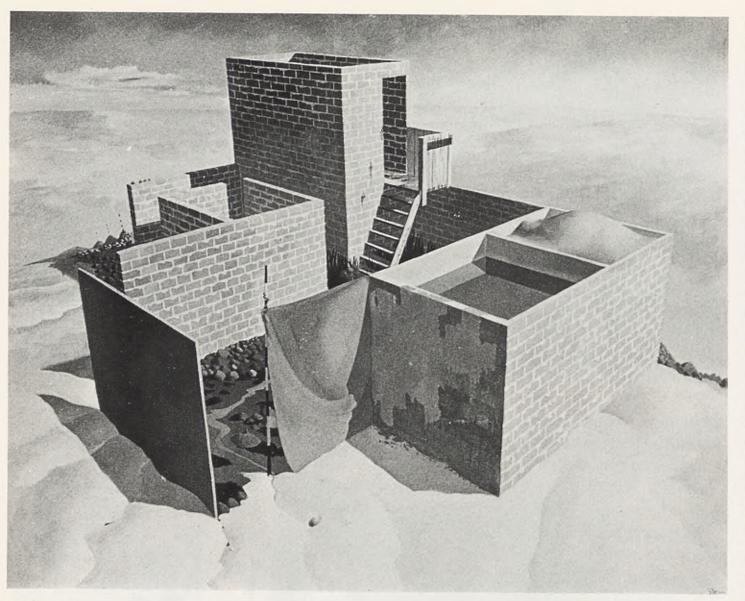
What I found most deeply moving in the new works is the summary they yield of his long and deeply felt attachment to places he loves and respects and needs, to the detritus of the land's habitual use of itself (its own





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TIM STORRIER CONSTRUCTION (1979)
Mixed media assemblage $60 \times 130 \text{ cm}$ Private collection

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TIM STORRIER SADDLE CONSTRUCTION (1980)
Mixed media assemblage 90 × 120 cm
Private collection



TIM STORRIER RETREAT (1972) Synthetic polymer paint on canvas 122 x 152 cm Private collection

internal life) and to the wasting of those who must track across it, live through it and on it, of the compact that binds men to it. His attachments are hardly casual and the thoughts that go with that attachment are not always pretty. They are never sentimental. The raw bones and membranes and fibres of his beautiful new things nevertheless evoke some of the living power of an affection that runs very deeply in him. He has loved those places since earliest childhood, especially the places he imagined, and these new objects of his magnify that love and have a certain power to evoke unaccustomed feeling - wonder, joy, some sorrow, some despair and, not least, the pulse of memory itself.

André Breton wrote: 'In modern painting, nature is only taken into account in so far as it is related to the inner world of consciousness'. No serious painter of landscape would disagree with him — certainly not Rembrandt, Velasquez, Turner, Constable, Corot, Courbet. What is true in Breton's axiom is true not only for moderns. In any event, one has only to look at Cézanne's The black clock to know that the Bibemus Quarry was in his painting long before he found the quarry and painted it. One goes into the world to find that landscape which offers the greatest number of cues or prompts to action. The landscapes already in the mind need to be shown some sort of pre-existent, naturally occurring design before they can be reasoned out in a painting. Again, one thinks of Picasso finding the corollaries to his own Cubist precognitions at Horta de Ebro and refining them there, before the model. In this particular sense, these newer works by Storrier have been done before and he has tested them against his own past, where they began; the rhomboids and rectangles and unsettling maze-like delineations have been prefigured in his work almost from the beginning of his creative life. If he has found a voice that now might seem to be new it is because the peculiarly personal lexicon of signs and markings in his earlier paintings insisted themselves on him in new arrange ments and configurations. He was nominally bound to go this way and, I think, nominally bound to transform his experience of landscape, beginning long ago, into some formal, tangible and joyful equivalent of it.

Salvatore Zofrea by Anna Waldman

The continuous pursuit of appearances keeps Salvatore Zofrea a hard-to-label artist in the Australian art of the 1980s. He does not search for roots in the popular culture or international *avant-garde* and he does not suffer the debilitating effects of success.

Salvatore Zofrea has come full circle; born in 1946, in Borgia, in southern Calabria, he is about to return, for the first time, to contemplate the church frescoes and the land he left when he was nine years old. His father left Borgia in 1950 and came to Australia to save money and bring his family here. After six years, it was the turn of Salvatore, the youngest of the ten children, who had lived a sheltered life until a train took him to Marina di Catanzaro, a boat called *Soriento* took him to Sydney and his father took him from Pyrmont to their home in Balgowlah. He left school at the age of fifteen and began to study art at North Sydney Technical College

and worked in Paddy's Market loading fruit and vegetables. What was harder to overcome was his conviction that no one shared his passion for painting. Zofrea was sixteen years old when he met his spiritual and intellectual mentor: the painter and teacher, Henry Justelius. An artist's development is the outcome not only of training but also of example. Justelius revealed to Salvatore for the first time a world where art was regarded as unquestionably worthwhile and helped him find his aesthetic level. He taught him the means by which the artist's imagination or reaction takes form. While Zofrea was studying to master line, colour, mass, rhythm and planes at the technical college and, later, at the Julian Ashton School, working at week-ends in his brother's shop and fighting constantly with his father over money spent on art materials, Justelius and Zofrea's mother were the only people who helped. Their help came



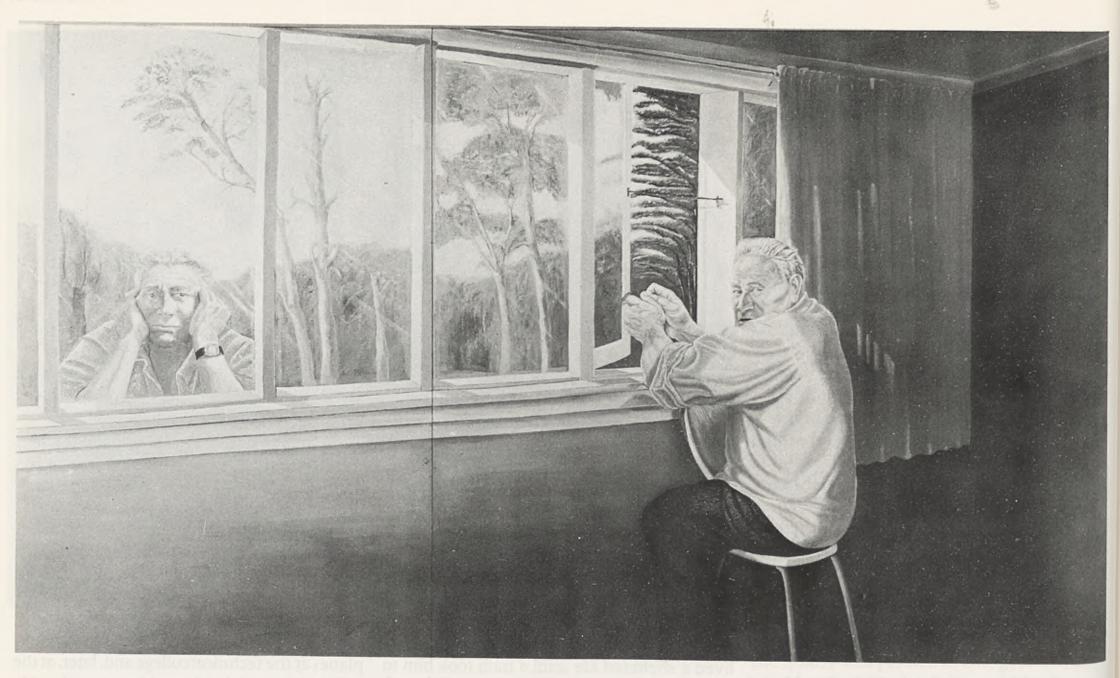
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SALVATORE ZOFREA PORTRAIT OF MY
FATHER 1980
Oil on canvas 152 × 305 cm
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Photograph by John Delacour

SALVATORE ZOFREA SONG OF SOLOMON (1976)
Oil on canvas 152 × 183 cm

Owned by J.O. Fairfax



express, unburden. Zofrea lavished the whole

pigment, his Expressionist works communi-

spectrum of colour on each painting; he

Insisted upon the tactile properties of his

Cated a sense of vitality and urgency.

With Justelius's cautious blessing, Zofrea continued to exhibit at the Macquarie Galleries, and at the Bonython Gallery, in Adelaide. He was escaping from a youthful and sentimental mannerism and feeling his way toward a style that relies for motive and inspiration on his own subjectivity and inspiration. Until 1971, when he went to Spain, England, Holland and France, Zofrea's works were based on selective observation—not intellectual choice; his colours remained essentially expressive, the forms tense and pigment applied thickly and with violence.

The overseas experience was overwhelming. The six months spent in museums took a couple of years of sorting out through paintings and drawings that resembled Bosch and Vuillard, Soutine and Van Gogh and were inspired by Greek poetry and Zen Buddhism.

The urgency of personal drama made it all seem remote: a spiritual crisis brought on by his mother's death and his own illness changed his outlook on life completely. Angst of Expressionism, the calm of Eastern philosophy seemed now either flamboyant or remote. He rediscovered Christian religion and, with it, the Psalms.

Zofrea's Psalms are an emotional intention expressed in pictorial form — truly imaginative pictures.³ They move us because the artist has not gone beyond his initial intuition, which comes with its innocence unimpaired. The Psalms are a visual translation of mul-

tiple corrosions of doubt and distress.

They are the result of childhood memories — doubt, belief in God as much as in dreams and premonitions, fragments of personal experiences. *Que dice donna, dice donna*⁴ for example, is the fusion of a few lines from Psalm 14: 'They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good', and reminiscences from walking by mistake into a bordello in Barcelona. In plush surroundings, three middle-aged men are sitting down and contemplating, with a half-greedy, half-embarrassed smile, an almost naked woman who parades in front of them.

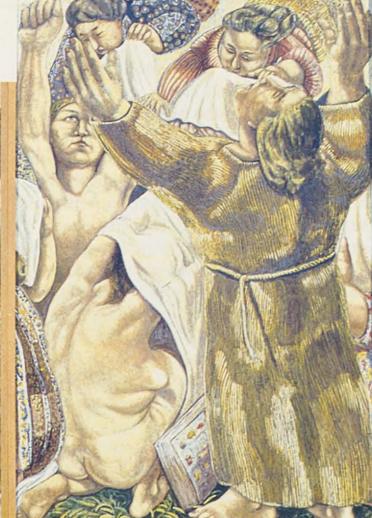
Psalm 39 brings together his mother's funeral witnessed by Salvatore as a child and as a grown-up man, with 'mine age is as nothing before thee' and 'I was dumb with silence... and my sorrow was stirred'. The child smiles knowingly with his back turned to a multitude of people who seem to ignore how transitory is existence and carry on their routine in the leafy surroundings of the cemetery.

One of Zofrea's Psalms is now in the Modern Art Section of the Pinacoteca Vaticano; it is *Psalm 23* 'he leadeth me beside the still waters'.

The same forthright style and minutely organized informality accounts for the mysteriousness in Psalm 41 'And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity', 'mine own familiar friend . . . hath lifted up his heel against me'; a floral pattern is repeated on walls, floor, curtains and the girls' stockings. Out of it emerge three young women whose movements create a superimposed arabesque pattern. It is obviously another bordello scene, which forms almost a triptych, with the central panel taken over by the women, a naked man on the far right and two girls playing in the gardens on the left. The mirror on the wall reflects the wall-pattern in more subdued colours and a naked woman.

Zofrea never paints landscapes for their own sake; they are only props for the figures or the means for a symbol. His *Psalm 11*, 'flee as a bird to your mountain' is an example of the latter. While looking at Zofrea's Psalms one thinks often of Stanley Spencer— not only because of the simplicity of design and the rigorous pattern, the monumental shapes and the understated colours but also because of the mixture of religion and sensuality,

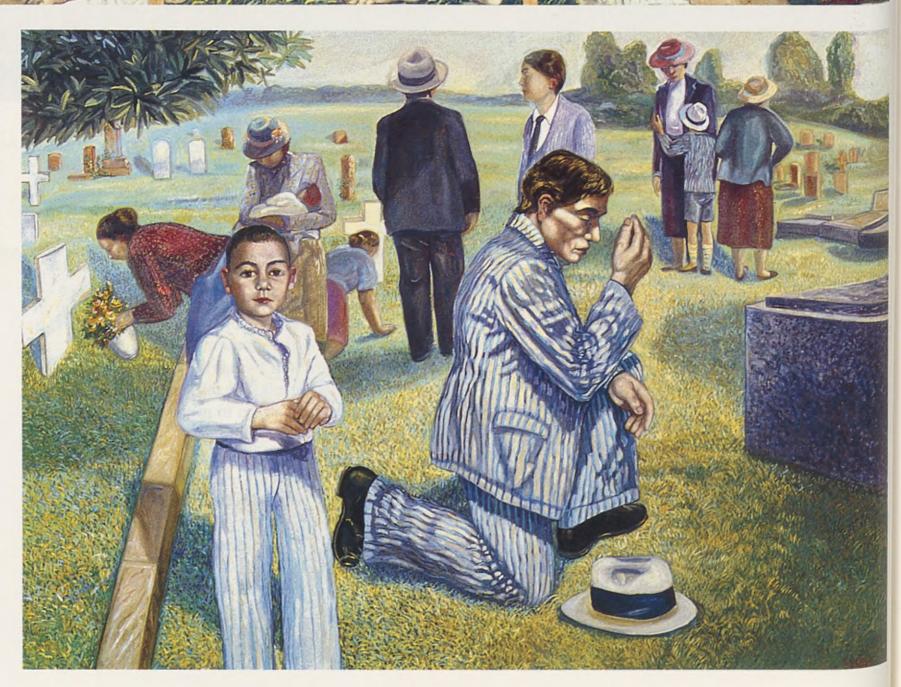






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SALVATORE ZOFREA THE
OPENING OF THE FIFTH
SEAL (1976)
Oil on canvas side panels
61 × 76 cm
centre panel 61 × 91 cm
Owned by St. Kevin's Roman
Catholic Church, Dee Why
Photograph by Jill Crossley

right
SALVATORE ZOFREA
PSALM 39 (1978)
Oil on canvas 183 × 137 cm
Collection Macquarie Galleries,
Sydney





SALVATORE ZOFREA WOMAN'S LIFE, WOMAN'S LOVE No. 3 1977
Oil on canvas 183 × 152 cm
Owned by Dr and Mrs Philip Rundle



of the artist torn between religion as a system of ethics and as a poetic and all-embracing truth.

Zofrea won the Sulman Prize for 1977 with a painting in a triptych called *Woman's life*, *woman's love No. 3*. As with most of his works, the inspiration for it came from remembering stories of the past — this time, his mother's marriage half a century before, in Borgia. The fact that there is no romance, no boy-meetsgirl, but a rationally organized and carefully discussed event in which neither the husband nor the wife-to-be have much to say, is translated into a painting.

Quite similar in its pattern and selection of colours is the winning entry for the Sulman Prize for 1979, *The water trap*, ⁵ illustrating Geoffrey Lehman's poem, 'Gardens'.

The woman, Bathus-like, ethereal, almost androgynous, creates a strong contrast through her vertical, almost phosphorescent form against the deep blue of the water. The same green, luscious bushes appeared in *Woman's life, woman's love* but this time, they are part of the 'trap', thick and menacing and closing on the running woman. We are confronted with a sudden decantation of

identity: the naked girl becomes an idol, the stroll of Nero and Poppaea through the gardens, hypnotic in its symbolism — the proper and figurative meanings are fused.

The Psalms, the figurative allegories, the superb triptych, *The opening of the Fifth Seal*, 1976, given by the artist to a church in Dee Why in memory of his mother, are all part of a private iconology, of the coming of age of powerful emotional and imaginative vision. For *The opening of the Fifth Seal* Zofrea used, as models, members of the family and Italian neighbours, making it a glorification of suburbia and religious ecstacy to the same extent that Stanley Spencer did with Cookham.

A remarkable tour de force of portrait composition was achieved by Zofrea with the Portrait of my father. In it, his naturally poetic temperament is no longer repressed by formal discipline. The relationship between father and son was always on an emotional, never on a mental level. It became even more so after Salvatore's mother died. 'The old boy' as Zofrea calls his father never saw any value in painting, cannot comprehend his son's success, is resentful of him for not having a steady job with the railways, and speaks Calabrese with him. The only thing that could have brought the father and son closer together, the death of the woman they both loved and respected, pulled them even further apart. This biographical background is necessary for the viewer to understand what Zofrea tried to represent in this portrait: a lonely and desperate man, trapped on a verandah watching the outside world and watching himself from the outside.

The paint is applied smoothly with a small brush, building areas of light and shade. The face is an almost Photo-realist rendition of wrinkles, tight mouth and narrow eyes. The right-hand side of the work is much brighter and more detailed, suggesting close proximity; the left, using the frame-within-frame device, is less worked upon, diagonally projected on the canvas, paler in colour, yet arresting in its stillness and dignity.⁶

The obvious answer, on a larger scale, to the Psalms series' monumentality and simplicity of design, was to be a mural, *The Herald Mural* and the names of the great Mexican muralists, Orozco, Rivera, Siqueiros, are often mentioned in connection with this work. What



those painters have in common with Zofrea is the idea of architectonic unity based upon a fundamental dynamic rhythm. Their murals are harmonized with the architectural structure so that they do no look like 'pictures' ⁰ⁿ the wall (which they are), but one organic unity with the foyer giving a sense of equilibrium between form and space. The artistic aim of The Herald Mural, commissioned to commemorate the 150th anniversary of first Publication of the Sydney Morning Herald, is to ⁰btain a symphonic ensemble, not a series of fragmentary anecdotes or a repetitive arrangement of figures. The sixteen panels are Painted in oil on large Belgian canvases stretched on wooden frames.

A work of this size quickly becomes a Witness to the artist's philosophy of life: man Overcoming his own creation, man as the key to his own life, art as a universal means of expression challenging the boundaries of style and time.

The more than two hundred and fifty figures were all painted from life; many of them are employees of the Sydney Morning Herald, depicting the excitement and atmosphere engendered in the process of pro-

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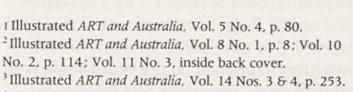
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ducing a newspaper. The real-life situation and the supple concentration of masses make it a unique example in the history of mural painting in Australia. The left and the right panels serve as a counterpart to the crowded and busy nine central panels; they represent Sydney Harbour from dawn to dusk, from the 1830s to 1980s, and a picnic scene in Clontarf. The sub-editors' desk, the linotype operators, the press-room, John Fairfax outside the company's building, Circular Quay in the morning, with people going to work, and a Renaissance-like portrait of the painter looking at the viewer, the airport news-room and a news conference all present different images of the many-faceted aspects of newspaper publishing. Unity of style and composition, as well as harmony of colours, are maintained throughout the work. A mixture of realism and decorative flatness links this work to a long tradition from the Quattrocento to the present-day West Coast muralists. Each panel has its own focal point, a figure that attracts the eye instantly as well as its own structure, yet the composition cannot be broken up easily: it has fluidity and continuity of design, an overall colour scheme of blues and ochres that co-ordinate the whole.

Salvatore Zofrea is not a daring man and his art is not made of the explosive stuff of which new proposals and discoveries are made. He is a man of unusual imaginative calibre and also of peculiar receptivity. He reacts to things seen with the same emotional intensity as to things felt or imagined. What he has tried to achieve in the last fifteen years is to reconcile his reactions to things seen with an enlargement of his imaginative vision and, on the other hand, to realize his imaginative conceptions so completely that they have the finite quality of realistic pictures.



4 Illustrated ART and Australia, Vol. 16 No. 1, inside front cover.

5 Illustrated ART and Australia, Vol. 17 No. 2, inside front cover.

6 Graham Bell, William Coldstream, Claude Rogers, Lawrence Gowing and John Minton had the same unprejudiced and objective attitude to subjects, an unforced and unaffected naturalism and cultivated reserve and simplicity of conception.



opposite, above left and above SALVATORE ZOFREA HERALD MURAL (1979-81)Three panels of a fifteen panel mural 198 × 366 cm each Oil on canvas Commissioned by John Fairfax and Sons for the foyer of the Sydney Morning Herald Building, Ultimo, Sydney

Alan Davie: Flag dream No. 4: Wheel

by Hector Gilliland

On first seeing Alan Davie's work, at Gimpel Fils in London, I felt crudely and overpoweringly confronted. It was a long time before one painting and another began to generate emotional responses and before I became aware of sheer human activity such as I had never known to exist. I sensed then that Davie was an artist of unique importance. That was in 1954, three years before he painted *Flag dream No. 4: Wheel.*

Later that year, he talked to me about his belief that 'art is in all human beings deep down in the primitive self'. Because of this he denied his remarkable traditional skills by breaking with tradition's ways of knowing but seeking, instead, intuitive enlightenment in primitive depths using primitive means. In his studio he showed me cans of paint, which he mixed himself — black and white and the pigmentary primaries, yellow, red and blue — and uncleaned brushes standing in turpentine; told me that he built up a 'terrific state of tension' before exploding over several 1.5 by 2 m boards laid on the floor, covering one in a period of twenty-five minutes to an hour. Colour mixtures happened on the board along with chance drips, footmarks and handmarks. Earlier statements were at the mercy of the later ones; and his painting reflexes shared the speed of thought. Although shapes were used as they came to mind, any impulse to put something 'here' was contradicted, and it was put 'there'. In his own words: 'Two wrongs do make a right'.

Flag dream No. 4: Wheel bears this out. It looks a crudely disjunctive collection of objects in paint (the snarled linearity of the central passage being an object — although oddly harmonious because of its scaled down repetition of the other shapes). Yet it has a formal unity: incredibly, because of its structural coherence; inevitably, because of its ambience of a quality of mind.

This structural coherence is either the resultant 'right' of two 'wrongs' multiplied, or is an unconscious recall of Davie's inherent skills. It is compounded of visual movements: between similar shapes and colours and their variations and along the axes of shapes; with the diagonal movements poised in the blue, black and white of the central diamond shape.

The ambience of a quality of mind enhances Davie's domination of paint. His shapes are human shapes, not only because of the physical force with which he makes them, but mainly because of a mental intimacy that informs them. I see and feel them as timeless emanations of the humali mind: symbols of physical and emotional experiences. Their connotations are elusive and magical. I tried to enumerate them after first seeing Flag dream No. 4: Wheel in 1960, but not since. I now contemplate the painting until it has no measurable scale - until I am alive with the creative process that produced it. That I can do this, is, for me, a true measure of Davie's stature as an artist.





ALAN DAVIE FLAG DREAM No. 4: WHEEL
Oil on composite board 122 × 153 cm
Art Gallery of New South Wales

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The watercolours of Henry Salkauskas 1925–1979

by Gil Docking

Henry Salkauskas arrived in Australia in 1949. During the following thirty years this Lithuanian-born artist made some significant contributions to Australian art, first as a printmaker, limiting himself to linocuts and screenprints, then as a painter specializing in the watercolour medium.

During his printmaking years, especially from about 1958 when he began using the screenprinting process, Salkauskas's interest in the production of watercolours steadily increased. He felt that the situation with watercolour painting in Sydney in the 1950s was similar to that of printmaking—it tended to be a neglected medium. This article will deal with his work as a watercolourist.¹

Henry Salkauskas was critical of Sydney's watercolourists in the 1950s considering them to be far too cautious in their approach to the medium, too concerned with the production of neat washes of colour and failing, almost entirely, to explore the liquescent possibilities of this subtle and luminous medium. In 1963, Salkauskas joined the Australian Watercolour Institute believing that there he could play a part in revitalizing watercolour painting as an expressive medium.

Salkauskas's method of painting in watercolours was most unconventional. People who admired the results of his work would have been amazed, if not horrified, by his method of attacking the paper. He usually

bought his paper in a roll 1.5×21.5 m. Then he would cut off the sheet-size he needed and the size tended to be large much larger, needless to say, than the usual sheet-size used by local artists. (One outcome of this procedure was that critics usually introduced their remarks by saying, 'The monumental watercolours of Henry Salkaus kas . . . '). Placing the unsullied sheet on the floor, he would then lead into it with great washes of tone, using various brushes, sponges and rags to manipulate and work the flow and run of the watercolour - pausing only to allow the tone to settle, to think and consider the next move. Then another flow of wash would be applied followed by a series of precise moves perhaps involving tilting the paper, sponging-off, seizing the paper in his hands and boldly creasing it, possibly incising the wash with the handle of the brush, soften ing or accentuating an edge — until, finally, after a series of closely judged procedures, he would consider the work finished — if it satisfied his mind and eye. If it did not reach that happy state, the sheet would be destroyed and a fresh sheet of paper cut and placed of the floor for another beginning.

Six examples of Salkauskas's work are illustrated. *Kurrajong Heights*, 1962, is an early figurative landscape in which he used charcoal and chalk allied with washes of colour. In *Pulses of the night*, 1966, he used similar boulder-like forms in an ascending move-

ment; but in Monument, 1967, he has the boulders collapsing to the lower edge of the painting, yet confined within the same format of broad vertical bands of black. In Landscape, a work of about 1969, a squared-off boulder is placed within a horizontal band, whilst, in the 1971 work, Painting, the boulder-form is geometricized into a plinth. Finally, the year before his death, when he painted Tennis court by the sea, the single plinth is extended into a line of stones standing barrier-like between the court and the mountain range.

The boulder form — squared, rounded or elongated, floating, standing or collapsing, heaped or scattered — is a constantly used motif in Henry Salkauskas's paintings and prints. Nevertheless, whilst we may think of them as stone-like forms, in other works they became sun symbols. The significance of this rough-hewn form or symbol was of profound importance to Salkauskas. On the other hand, as shown in these six examples covering sixteen years of his painting life from 1962, the stylistic variations in the handling of this One symbol reflect, to some degree, his involvement in succeeding international art movements — from Abstract Expressionism to Hard-edge. In his last few years, Salkauskas moved towards lyrical painting, from which black had virtually disappeared and blue his favourite colour — became the song or the part-song of the painting.

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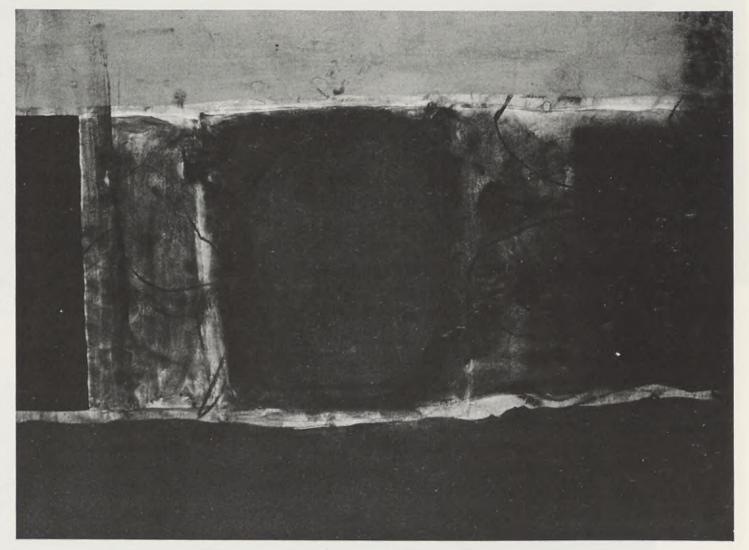
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Salkauskas's total output of paintings was not large. This was due, in part, to his need to earn a living (first as a painter of railway buildings, then as a house-painter); in part because he seemed to be a most gregarious man who thoroughly enjoyed good company, especially that of other artists; and, in part, because he was a genuinely charitable person, generous with his time and energy. Nevertheless, in the 1960s Henry Salkauskas pioneered, in Australia, a new respect for Watercolour painting as a medium capable of being used powerfully, expressively and beautifully.

When people are confronted by a group of paintings by Salkauskas they usually comment on the sombre mood of his paintings. The reasons why he used black and grey predominantly are quite complex. There was his anguish when, as a fifteen-year-old boy, he saw his father, who was a distinguished Lithuanian patriot, arrested by the Russians

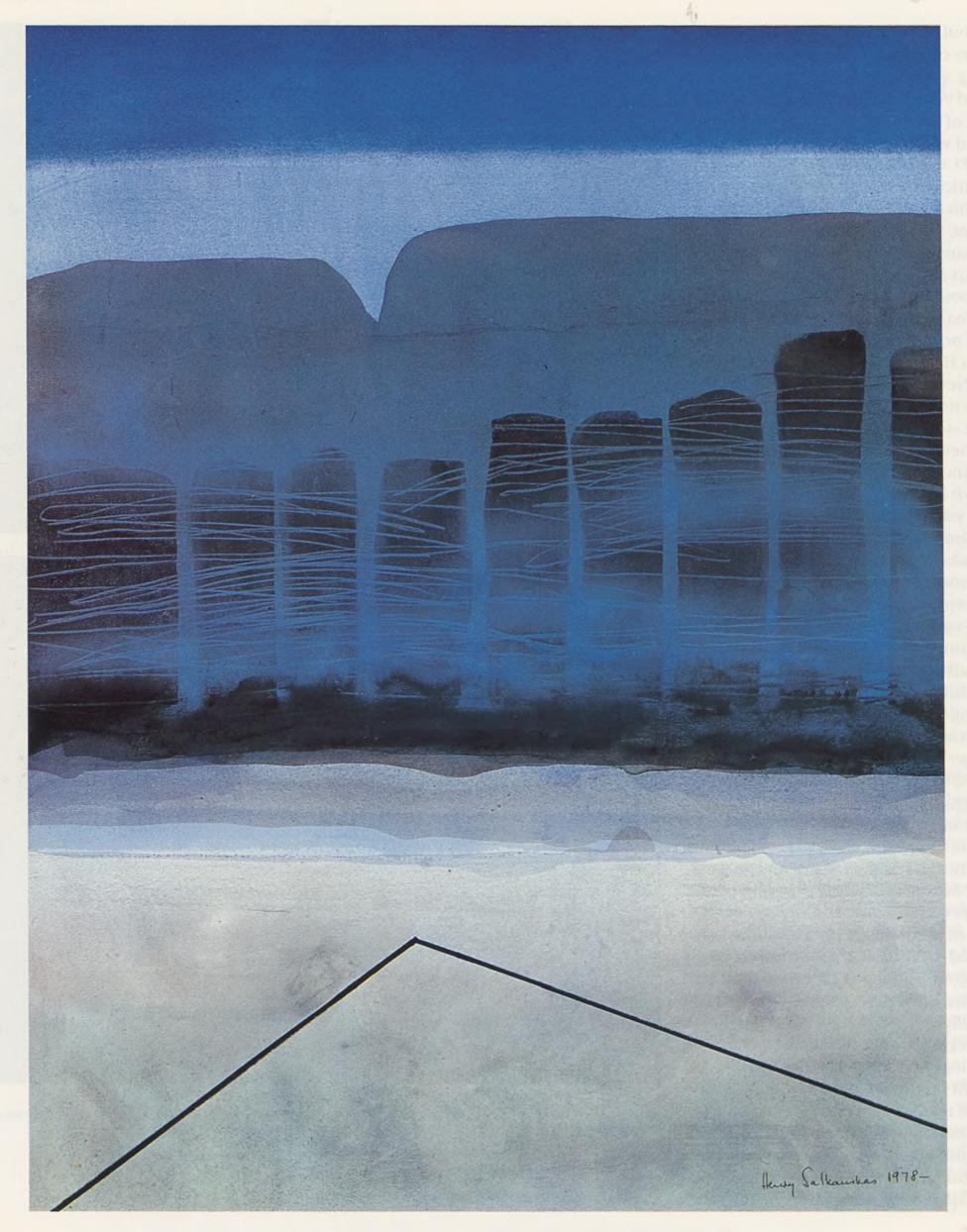




HENRY SALKAUSKAS KURRAJONG HEIGHTS Mixed media 55 x 77 cm Owned by Alfonsas Giliauskas

Photograph by John Delacour

above HENRY SALKAUSKAS LANDSCAPE Watercolour and synthetic polymer paint Owned by Mr and Mrs R. Raymond Photograph by John Delacour





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HENRY SALKAUSKAS MONUMENT 1967
Mixed media 113 × 151 cm
Art Gallery of New South Wales Photography by John Delacour

Opposite
HENRY SALKAUSKAS TENNIS COURT BY
THE SEA 1978
Watercolour 91 × 71 cm
Owned by Robert and Monica Tripp

Photograph by John Delacour

that he received a message in Sydney telling him of his father's death ten years earlier in the Vorkuto concentration camp in Siberia. There was the abiding influence of the Lithuanian landscape itself which in winter presents sharp contrasts. There was the important influence of the Lithuanian graphic tradition of designing and printmaking in black and white. All these influences played a part in the artist's repeatedly moving towards the dark end of the tonal scale. This does not mean that his dark paintings are without 'colour' — he always thought of black, grey and white as having associations of colour.

The respect Henry Salkauskas had for the 'black paintings' of the Abstract-Expressionists is well known, but his admiration was in answer to a deeply felt personal need that drove him to create dark paintings of great beauty and vitalily. Vitality is an aspect of his paintings upon which the commentators were unanimous. When reviewing his 1971 exhibition at Reid Gallery, Brisbane, Gertrude Langer expressed it thus: 'The impenetrable glistening blacks alternate with the light-filled areas whose surfaces opened up by finely

controlled accident of wash, delicate texture and indefinite, nebulous brush lines melting into the white ground, create a sensual and poetical effect'.²

All the commentators on Henry Salkaus-kas's watercolours were, sooner or later, affected by the surge of life in his paintings. James Gleeson noted the rhythms of his works 'in which the contours move at a slow processional gait'. Alan McCulloch spoke of 'his quality of provocative balance'. The interplay of opposing forces in the paintings was spelt out by Elwyn Lynn in *Eleven Lithuanian artists in Australia* when he wrote of Henry Salkauskas: 'The ephemeral and the permanent; the liquescently lucid and the rigidly ordained are in expressive opposition'.

On looking back one can see how the screenprints and dark paintings of Henry Salkauskas caught the crest of the fastmoving wave of Abstract Expressionism that swept over Sydney's artists during the late 1950s and carried on into the 1960s. The force of this movement may have given Salkauskas many prizes but it still left him unable to secure a living from his creative painting. The need to find Australian equivalents for current American and European forms of art occupied the thoughts of many of our artists and most of our critics. This deeply seated need was voiced by the art critic of the Melbourne Herald when he wrote of his 1971 exhibition at Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne: 'The work of Henry Salkauskas means to Australia what the work of Soulages means to France, or that of Kline means to the U.S.A.'6

Certainly, Salkauskas admired the paintings of Saulages and Kline. He also responded most enthusiastically to the paintings of Motherwell, Manessier, Rothko and Hartung, as well as to Pollock's action paintings.

Coming from Northern Europe we would expect Salkauskas to be predisposed towards Expressionism, and being trained for a short period at Danzig, followed by a longer time at Freiburg, West Germany, would reinforce these early tendencies. Expressionistic forms appear in his first linocuts shown in Australia with the Artists Society, Canberra, in 1950. We can readily appreciate that the emphasis of Henry's background, temperament and training, was essentially towards an expres-

HENRY SALKAUSKAS PULSES OF THE NIGHT 1966 Watercolour 116 × 148 cm

Orange Civic Centre Gallery
Photograph by John Delacour



sive style. The arrival of Abstract Expressionism in Sydney in the 1950s was especially fortuitous for Henry Salkauskas as he seemed to be ready for the event. His artistic problems came later, in the early 1970s when, with the passing of Abstract Expressionism and the coming of Hard-edge abstraction, he felt a loss of contact and a need for relevancy. In Painting, 1971, we see a solution being put forward in which the black-strapped formal edges of Pulses of the night, 1966, and Monument, 1967, become the central theme of the work.

Rectangles and parallel bands of black intersecting a white field provided Henry with some answers to the problems he confronted. However, once past the mid-1970s he turned more towards lyrical interpretations of the land itself becoming, in the process, especially involved with the Forster district in New South Wales. Tennis court by the sea, 1978, is a beautifully stated work reticent, yet rich with allusions.

The following year, after what was considered to be a minor injury, Henry Salkauskas died, suddenly, in his sleep. In ^{order} to commemorate the life and work of an artist who gave so much to Australia, Eva Kubbos, who was Henry's close friend and associate painter for twenty years, presented a plan to the Art Gallery of New South Wales whereby a contemporary Australian art purchase in the name of Henry Salkauskas would be established. It is most appropriate that Henry's mother, Mrs Ona-Anna Salkauskas, of Kirribilli, should have endowed the Gallery with funds enabling the Henry Salkauskas Contemporary Art Purchase to be established as a biennial event in perpetuity.

The work of Henry Salkauskas as a printmaker deserves a separate article. A catalogue published by the Art gallery of N.S.W. for 'Henry Salkauskas 1925-1979. A small retrospective exhibition of paintings and prints', April-May 1981, contains information on the artist's work as a printmaker.

²Dr Gertrude Langer in the Brisbane Courier-Mail, 29 October 1971.

³ James Gleeson in the Sydney Sun, 18 August 1971. Alan McCulloch in the Melbourne Herald, 10 March 1971. Introduction by Elwyn Lynn in Eleven Lithuanian Artists in Australia published by Lithuanian Community in Australia,

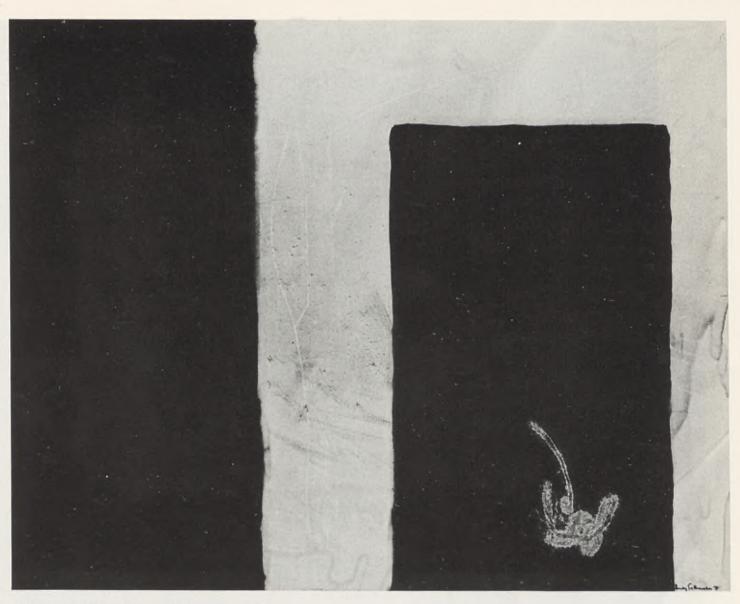
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⁶Henry Salkauskas won over sixty prizes and awards in competitions. As most contemporary art sections are judged by people who are familiar with trends overseas, his Outstanding success in competitions seems to support the statement quoted.



HENRY SALKAUSKAS PAINTING Watercolour 121 x 151 cm Owned by Peter and Patricia Tzannes, Sydney Photograph by John Delacour

J. S. Ostoja-Kotkowski: Explorer in light

by Adrian Rawlins



above J. S. OSTOJA-KOTKOWSKI NUDE IN LIGHT (1953) Oil

J. S. OSTOJA-KOTKOWSKI LASER KINETICS (1980) Adelaide Festival of Arts 1980

Photograph by J. S. Ostoja-Kotkowski

I have never doubted the genuineness of J. S. Ostoja-Kotkowski's contribution to the visual arts in Australia (and, indeed, elsewhere). For the twenty years I have been conscious of his work in its many forms. I have noted not only a significant unity of vision, purpose and achievement but also a dedication to the highest principles of art as I understand them. I concentrate on these points because I believe that they are not widely perceived. Ostoja-Kotkowski has been lucky enough to win several major public commissions and the accusation of 'commercial' has been levelled against him — I think unfairly.

The list of his achievements is, in fact, far too long for the space here available to me; and, anyway, one assumes that readers of this magazine would be familiar with Meanjin, Modern Australian Painting, Masterpieces of Australian Painting, Art and Artists of South Australia, Present Day Art in Australia, Australian Sculptors, and the many other books and publications in which his career has been listed in considerable detail. So, rather than chronicle what he has done since he arrived in Australia thirty-one years ago, I should like to draw attention to what I believe are the essential qualities of his vocation.

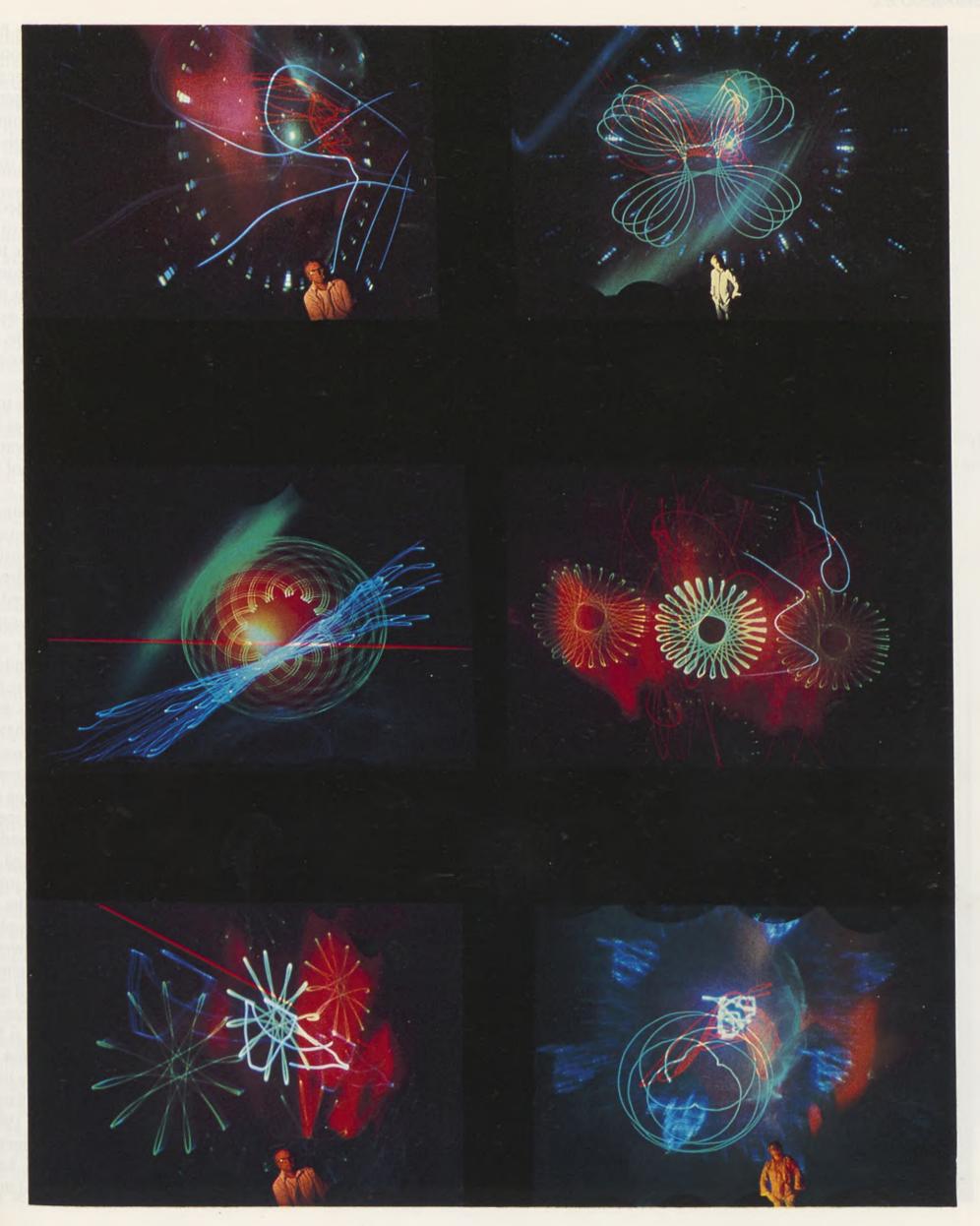
First of all: his genuineness. In an essay entitled 'What Is Minor Poetry?', T. S. Eliot¹ lists the questions he asks himself when endeavouring to perceive this quality in a poet new to him. 'Has (he) something to say, a little different from what anyone has said before, and has he found, not only a different way of saying it, but the different way of saying it which expresses the difference in what he is saying?' To me it

is patently obvious that when we ask this question of Ostoja's work the answer is a resounding 'yes'.

Ostoja's sole preoccupation, in fact his overriding obsession, has been to explore every possible artistic avenue towards the realization of two basic aims: to express the essential quality of light itself and to free the creative imagination from the impediment of means. Ironically and, perhaps, predictably, this has led him to an intense involvement with various technologies and vast costs; but it has also brought him honour from discerning critics. James Gleeson has called him 'the complete artist-scientist'; Sandra McGrath, 'the technological genius who uses lasers instead of paint and brushes. Most importantly, it has produced a number of undeniable masterpieces of contemporary

Ostoja's success seems to me to stem from two accidental factors: his European birth and his determination to learn about his adopted country from within. Trained in the techniques of the visual arts and simultaneously exposed to all the arts as a student in Poland and Germany, Ostoja spent two years as a student at the National Gallery School in Melbourne before the crucial experience that was to define the purpose of his artistic life. That experience was not in a studio of a laboratory but on the Birdsville track!

Throughout 1954 and part of 1955, Ostoja painted houses around Central Australia and worked at the Leigh Creek Coalfields. The vibrancy and uniqueness of the light in the desert impressed him more deeply than any other stimulus. He resolved to experiment with methods and styles that would permit him to express that somehow



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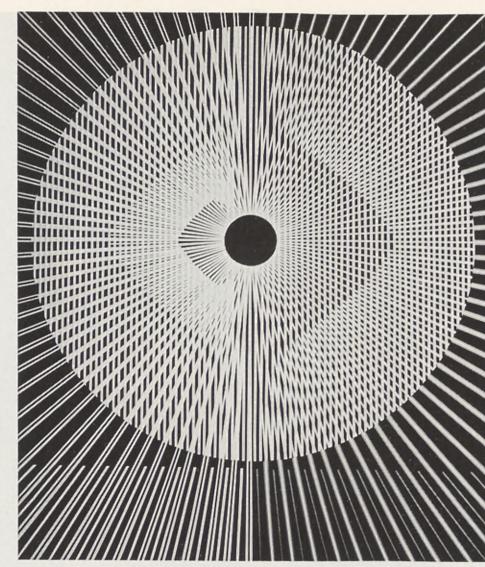
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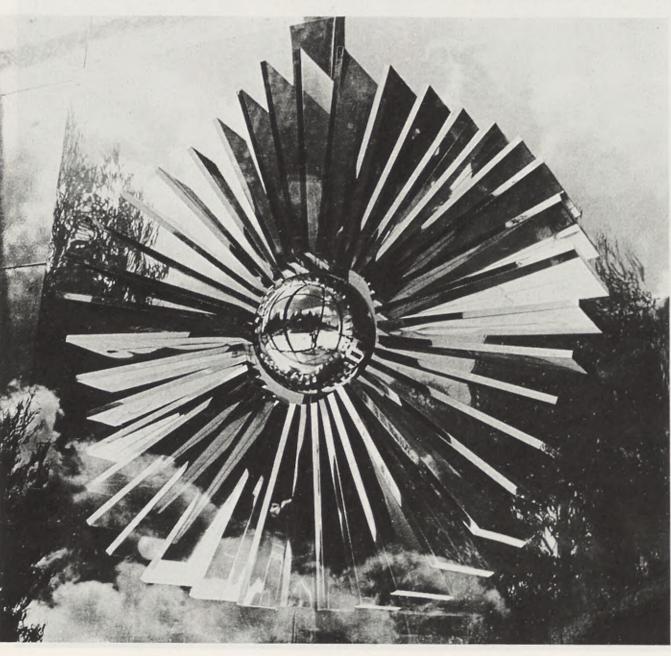
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J. S. OSTOJA-KOTKOWSKI
TRANSLATOR (1966)
Paint and collage on composite board
107 × 91 cm
Australian National University, Canberra

J.S. OSTOJA-KOTKOWSKI HELIOS (1972) Stainless steel sculpture 150 × 150 × 20 cm Churchill House, Canberra



supernatural quality. In 1955, his first one-man show in Adelaide featured non-objective paintings, in synthetic polymer paint — years before this medium was in general use. Also in 1955, he began designing scenery for operas, plays and ballets. By 1974 he had executed over thirty stage designs.

'I discovered', he told Sandra McGrath in 1979, 'that the lighting was the key to getting colour on stage. Eventually I came to the point of being able to paint the scenery with lights alone.' Ostoja's stage designs in the early 1960s, particularly those he executed for Elder Conservatorium, Adelaide, and the Elizabethan Opera Company, were particularly noteworthy.

Throughout the 1950s, his work took him further away from convential ideas of art; he began to move relentlessly towards an unprecedented diversification of imagemaking; and towards technology.

In the mid-1950s, he began creating vivid non-objective works in vitreous enamel. Today, he creates ever more sophisticated and richly coloured expressions, fired at 840°C on steel, which are guarenteed to keep their colour for several hundred years in outdoor conditions.

In 1961, he produced his red-and-blue paintings, one fine example of which hangs in the National Gallery of Victoria. So luminous is this work that visitors have been known to peer behind the frame seeking a mechanical or electronic light source!

In 1962, he began experimenting with electronic images; produced on a specially constructed TV cathode-ray gun and then fixed on a screen and photographed, these were fresh and perfect images not unlike an updated version of the works of the early Constructivists. Yet they were not photographs in the ordinary sense; they were truly self-projecting images of great potency. I am still haunted by the profound impression of beauty I received from those images which I saw on several occasions at Melbourne's Argus Gallery in July 1964.

His works were exhibited in the historic showing of contemporary Australian art in London's Whitechapel Gallery in 1961; in the Raymond Burr Galleries in America in 1962; and the Palace of Fine Arts, Krakow, Poland, in 1965. He is represented in the

Mertz collection, the Peter Stuyvesant Trust and in the private collection of such notable Connoiseurs as Noah Greenberg, Yevgeny Yevthushenko and Herbert Read. Despite these acquisitions, Ostoja's works tended to remain the province of the very discerning.

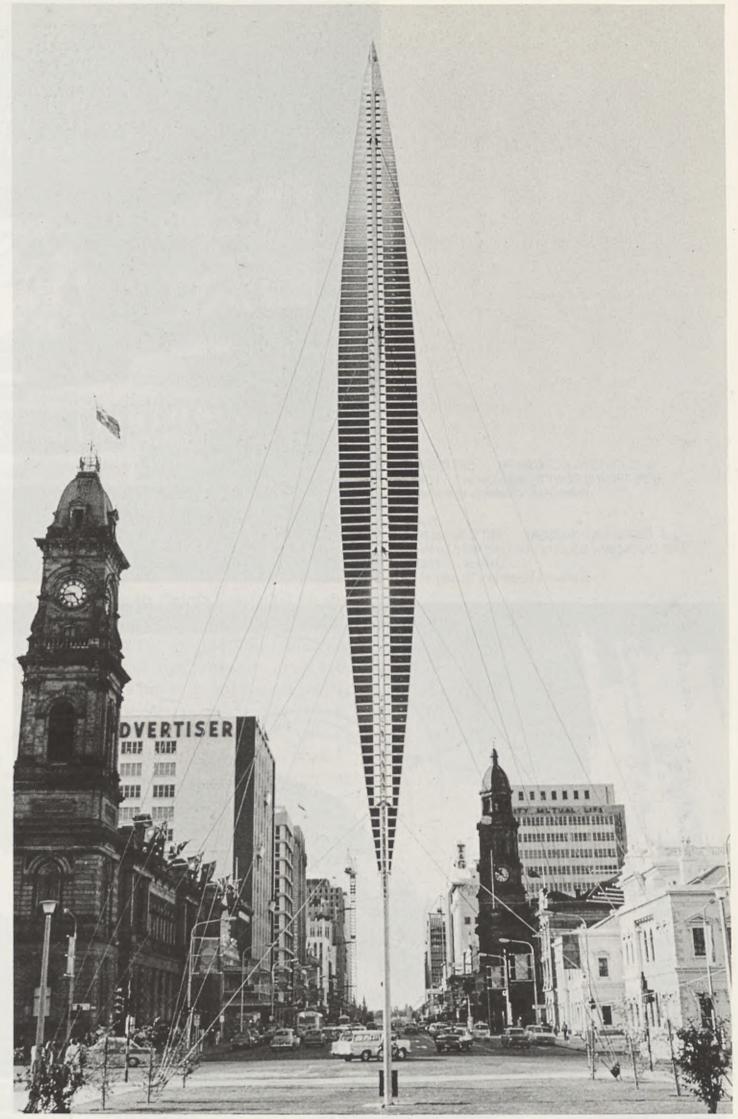
Undaunted, he pressed on with further experiments. Using sound equipment supplied by Derek Jolly and assisted by painter and photographer John Dallwitz, he devised 'Sound and Image' for the 1964 Adelaide Festival of Arts. A remarkably spontaneous integration of manually operated polychromatic slides with music, dance and spoken poetry, this seemed to me a work of great efficacy.

The 1966 programme presented some of the most breathtaking images I have ever seen. These were formed by a careful selection of slides, racked four to a tray. Resultant forms grew, ebbed and flowed into Continuous images of almost unimaginable loveliness. The more recent programmes in this vein by WATT, the experimental group attached to the N.S.W. State Conservatorium of Music, whilst often producing fascinating work, seem to me to be on the whole less successful than the Ostoja-Dallwitz-Jolly collaborations.

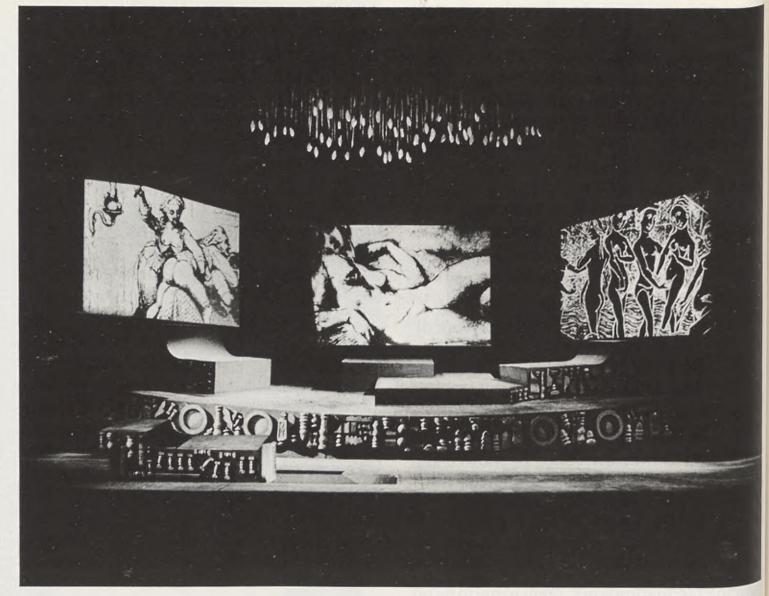
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In this same year, Ostoja showed his first exhibition of optic art, at Gallery A. One hundred 3-D glasses were produced to enhance the optical opulence (through the glasses the features of the painting ebbed and flowed like sea-grass on a coral reef) and, during the run of the show, all of them were souvenired!

Ostoja's Op Art is arguably his most famous work. He has been called 'the Opartist par excellence'. His work is not just an extension of Bridget Riley's. With fastidious craftmanship and geometric precision bordering on the scarifying: he creates works that change their form as light comes from a different source, like slotted billboards. The effect is profoundly still, eerie and, for many people, intensely exhilarating. Writing of one of these paintings, The translator, James Gleeson in Masterpieces of Australian Painting² says: 'Instead of emotion there is clinical exactitude. Op Art . . . is designed to explode among the nerve-endings of the eye and produce a visual disturbance. It is entirely sexless and as morally aseptic as a



J. S. OSTOJA-KOTKOWSKI CHROMASONIC TOWER (1970)36.5 m high Adelaide Festival of Arts, 1970



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J.S. OSTOJA-KOTKOWSKI SET DESIGN
FOR *THE BALCONY* by Jean Genet (1965)
Union Hall, University of Adelaide

J.S. OSTOJA-KOTKOWSKI SET DESIGN FOR
THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AND HIS WIFE by Peter
Ustinov (1971)
Canberra Repertory Society 1971



theorem. When we look at work like this we have to forget that an artist like Renoir ever existed.'

Though Gleeson is a redoubtable critic, I think he is wrong in this. One of the most beautiful comments about Renoir was made by his son, the film-maker, Jean, when, late in his life, he visited a gallery in North America devoted to his father's work. He spoke lovingly of the pictures he grew up amongst and had not seen for over thirty years and commented on meeting again 'the aura of deep tranquillity that flows from any work of great art'. To me, Ostoja's best works (particularly the early painting in the National Gallery of Victoria) transmit this selfsame tranquillity.

Ostoja's interest in optical art is not merely technical: to him his optics represent the essential energies of contemporary urban life: people, buildings and the subtle processes of twentieth-century living are present by implication in all his works — in a manner as vital, and as relevant, as they are in the Work of, say, John Olsen. They are, however, rendered with Ostoja's unique and unmistakable 'handwriting'.

In 1967, Ostoja received a Churchhill Fellowship and travelled in America, England, Holland, Germany, Poland, France, Italy and Japan. At Stanford University in California he saw an experiment with a laser that opened his eyes to a whole new dimension of creative possibility. He immediately started working with the laser and used it in his 1968 'Sound and Image' presentation. This was probably the first laser performance on stage in the world. In 1971, he was resident artist at the A.N.U. in Canberra and built a light-tower for the Aquarius Festival. In 1972, he built the first laser chromason at the university. In collaboration with the late Don Banks he designed the 'Synchronos 72', the first concert in which the player's music was translated into kinetic visual images, utilizing lasers, incandescent lights and projectors. This also may well have been a world first. This concern with kinetics has escalated in the intervening years and may yet produce what, in the long term, may be seen as his most important work. In 1975, he designed another laser chromosonic tower for the 'Australia 75' festival of Arts and

Sciences in Civic Square, Canberra.

In 1977, he executed a large vitreous enamel theremin (an electronic musical instrument) mural for the first-floor foyer of the Earth Science Building at Melbourne University and in 1978, he built a 24m-tall laser chromasonic tower (Mk11.) for the Royal Adelaide Expo. In 1979, at Barry Stern's gallery in Sydney, Ostoja exhibited twenty-eight vitreous enamels and nine Op-collages, some with theremins attached, and the laser chromason (Mk 11) originally designed by him in Canberra in 1971. He also presented a totally absorbing demonstration of laser kinetics to a taped performance of the Vivaldi Concerto in B Minor for four harpsichords.

In 1980, he presented an expanded programme of Laser-Kinetics for the Adelaide Festival of Arts (together with American and local examples of holography). This show ran for four weeks and attracted 45,000 visitors. Throughout its duration Ostoja laboured to improve the quality of line, and shape relationship to the music, and the forming of a visual 'theme' throughout the programme.

Over the years Ostoja has called for the creation of an electronic-painting studio like the electronic-music studios in English, French, German and American universities. Since 1968, he has been expressing concern that what is needed is an Institute of Art and Technology. His requests have fallen on deaf ears, though each year numbers of students approach him to learn where such techniques are taught.

Ostoja is still working towards the perfection of all his media. In this article I have not touched on his photography, for which he has won many awards, but concentrated on those instances that best reveal his preoccupation with distilling and presenting the essential qualities of light. At the Barry Stern Gallery in 1979, the red laser beam made conventional red seem brown. One would not be surprised if, in 1989, Ostoja presents a light kinetic which makes his current one look dull. He has never stopped exploring and he never will.

^{1&#}x27;What is Minor Poetry' from 'On Poetry and Poets' by T. S. Elliott.

² James Gleeson, Masterpieces of Australian Painting (Lansdowne Press, Melbourne, 1969).

A hidden sculpture in the A.C.T.

by Terence Measham



RICHARD HARRIS

AT BIRRIGAI (1981)
Yellow boxwood, granite
12 × 5 × 1.8 m

Photograph by David Loram

It is a rare event when an artist chooses to make and place his work within an educational context — not in a school, not in a gallery, not in an exhibition but hidden in bushland forty kilometres south-west of Canberra at Birrigai, which, with its 170 hectares, is a centre for 'outdoor education' managed jointly by the A.C.T. Schools Authority and the Department of the Capital Territory. It was at Birrigai, early in 1981, that Richard Harris built a large sculpture in natural materials in a secluded spot deliberately in the path of school children.

Richard Harris, itinerant sculptor, spent some two years in Australia until his return to England in the spring of 1981. During his Australian travels, he made sculpture where he could obtain funds and otherwise paid his way by giving talks in colleges across the country. He was represented in the Australian Sculpture Triennial, where he made a large earthwork on the La Trobe campus.

Harris visited Canberra in July/August 1980 and, searching for a suitable site for sculpture, he explored such well-known bushland settings as Black Mountain and Mount Ainslie. Public servants whom he approached introduced him to the Tidbinbilla nature reserve, which includes Birrigai. They also gave him the commission he sought to build his sculpture there. Harris was strongly attracted to Birrigai for a number of reasons, the predominant one of which was that the centre takes some 200 children each week, all of whom go there with serious intent. Courses are mainly residential and the students are thus distanced from the conventional restraints and institutional habits of everyday schooling. They are free to concentrate on the animal and plant life of a beautiful and secluded valley flanked by the steep slopes of

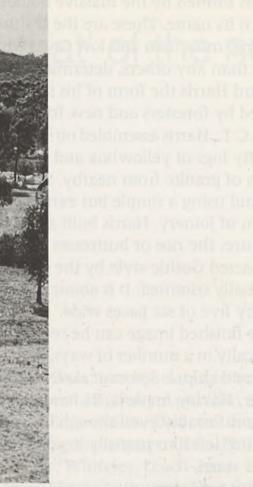
the Tidbinbilla Mountains. In the valley, kangaroos, wombats, rabbits, snakes and smaller creatures abound. The entire context appealed to Harris and offered scope for him to continue a series of sculptures, sensitively related to a natural setting, which he had begun in England.

'For the last few years I have been working around the fringes of nature — exploring the area where man meets with the rest of the natural world' he has explained. In Birrigai, just as in England's Lake District, a thorough appraisal of the site was necessary before he knew where and how to make his sculpture. In this case it took him about three months, during which time he became well acquainted with his non-human neighbours. He watched snakes, became familiar with spider-holes and tended a magpie whose leg was broken. The bird befriended him for that and it was often to be seen near the hut where Harris lived.

The history of Birrigai was equally interesting to Harris and particularly useful to him was a new book by Josephine Flood, an archaeologist working in Canberra. Her study reveals the Bogong-moth-gathering activities of Aboriginal tribes in the immediate vicinity. The book also led Harris to an Aboriginal shelter at Hanging Rock used during tribal feasting in the early summer months. Gordon Edgecomb, manager of Birrigai, remembers that Harris spent much time there.

Eventually, Harris chose for his site a clearing in a dense thicket of tea-trees punctuated by animal tracks and eucalypts, through the screen of whose branches the towering Gibraltar Peak is clearly visible, its triangular outline pointing to the sky. Only minutes away along the valley, hidden on a wooden







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FIRST AUSTRALIAN SCULPTURE
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Soil, local materials

Photograph by Richard Harris

left RICHARD HARRIS SCULPTURE AT BIRRIGAI (1981) Yellow boxwood, granite, rough joinery Photograph by David Loram

above RICHARD HARRIS Photograph by David Loram

knoll, is Hanging Rock Shelter, a two-cave system formed by the massive boulder that gives it its name. These are the features clearing, mountain and low cave, which, more than any others, determined for Richard Harris the form of his sculpture. Helped by foresters and new friends made in the A.C.T., Harris assembled on site a quantity of hefty logs of yellowbox and several large lumps of granite from nearby. Splitting the logs and using a simple but extremely strong system of joinery, Harris built a skeletal structure, the ribs or buttresses of which are compacted Gothic-style by the granite slabs, minimally trimmed. It is about twelve paces long by five or six paces wide.

The finished image can be read metaphorically in a number of ways, including an upturned ship, a dinosaur skeleton, or a shelter. Having made it, Richard Harris slept in it comfortably even though its rib-cage structure left him partially exposed to the winter stars.

In the art-literature of recent years semiologists have discussed the contextual effects that determine the responses of viewers to works of art. Land artists, book artists and body artists have all contributed to the argument and there has been a prolonged search for every conceivable type of alternative space. The sculpture at Birrigai makes its own positive comment on such issues. The forty kilometres that separate it from Canberra are important. The approach is across open tableland with the high, rugged line of the Namadji4 Ranges always in prospect. Closer to them, individual clusters of rocks stand out, intricate, interesting and attractive. Next, one is in and amongst the mountains, which, during winter months, may be powdered with snow. One is 'prepared' by all these experiences for the encounter ahead just as much as a flight of museum steps and a high portico help to shape the eventual encounter with a painting on the walls of a gallery. In Birrigai itself each visit is a unique experience and the atmosphere is naturally very different from the controlled and necessarily sterile climate of an art-gallery interior. Sometimes the light is clear and, at other times, a mist rolls along the valley, enveloping sculpture and visitor alike, blocking out everything else. The light changes through the day and so does the web



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RICHARD HARRIS CLIFF STRUCTURE,
GRIZEDALE FOREST, LAKE DISTRICT, UNITED
KINGDOM
Wood, local materials

Photograph by Richard Harris

above
RICHARD HARRIS SCULPTURE AT BIRRIGAI (1981)
Yellow boxwood and granite
12 × 5 × 1.8 m
Owned by Department of Capital Territory
Photograph by David Loram

of shadows criss-crossing Harris's sculpture, constantly re-ordering one's perception of it. The little tracks that lead to the clearing are sometimes firm and, at other times, appear deceptively so, but can be marshy and slippery.

Some children chance upon the sculpture as they roam back to base after a field trip, while others find their way to it from the directions of Douglas Coreau and his colleagues on the Birrigai teaching staff. Having found the sculpture, they climb in it and over it. Harris deliberately built it in a robust manner so that it will withstand such comprehensive physical exploration for years to come. To the more contemplative observer there are many resonances between its surface textures and the surrounding landscape. The blue-green mosses and lichens on the granite lumps reflect the colours of the gum trees across the valley floor. Mottled pinks and pale purples also find their echoes in the landscape surround. Harris's sculpture is a simple structure but complex in meaning. It manages to connect the sense of enclosure of an Aboriginal shelter with the constructional principles of a Gothic cathedral. Nothing of the latter was in Harris's conscious mind at Birrigai but he was brought up in the west of England where everybody is aware of the flying buttresses of, for example, Exeter Cathedral or the giant strainer arches of Wells.

Harris's rough and massive joinery, hand-done, seems also to link pre-industrial cultures but his sculpture does not look like of function as a multi-cultural tease deposited irrelevantly on Australian soil. It is set deep into the earth literally and figuratively, rock safe for children to play on. It looks as though it belongs yet it is sufficiently different from its surroundings to provoke curiosity both about itself and about the natural monuments of Birrigai on which it makes its own respectful comment.

¹The name 'Birrigai' is a Ngunawal Aboriginal word meaning to laugh or laugher.

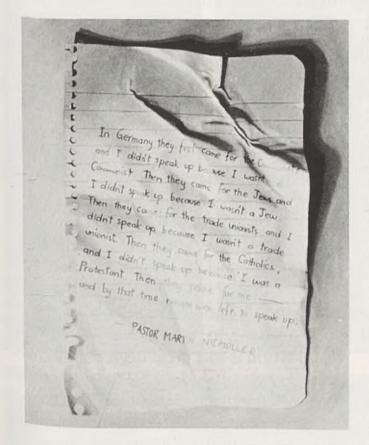
² Quoted in the catalogue of the 'First Australian Sculpture Triennial', 1981, p. 48.

³ Josephine Flood, *The Moth Hunters*, Canberra, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, 1980.

⁴South-west of Canberra the northernmost outliers of the Australian Alps are conventionally called the A.C.T. ranges; they include the Tidbinbillas, the Brindabellas and others. Dr Flood, in her book (op. cit., p. 9), prefers the Aboriginal name *Namadgi* for the whole group.

Perspecta 81: The 'been-there-done-that' of the new

by Graeme Sturgeon



ANN NEWMARCH QUOTE (1981)
Synthetic polymer paint on canvas
150 × 122 cm
Possession of the artist

Photograph by John Delacour

'Perspecta 81' represented the first serious attempt by the Art Gallery of New South Wales to balance the international preoccupation of the Biennale of Sydney by mounting a comparably large-scale bash for local art. It can also be seen as guilty reaction to the general neglect of contemporary Australian art by our State art museums.

'Perspecta 81' was a large exhibition with one hundred and forty-eight works (some with several parts) by seventy artists. It included examples from most areas of today's art although, as usual, painting was predominant. There was also a nod in the direction of Aboriginal art. As with any exhibition of work plucked hot from the flux of the commercial exhibition circuit, there was much in 'Perspecta 81' that was meretricious, with little to offer beyond novelty or an adroit manipulation of current art-making formulas taken over from American or European prototypes. Some of it was simply dull. The blame for this must go, in part, I suppose, go to the Curator, Bernice Murphy, who selected the show, but most of it must go to the artists. You can, after all, select only from what is available. The work chosen has been divided into eight loosely defined categories: painting, photography, installation sculpture, video film, Aboriginal art, performance (documentation), architecture and design and community art. Obviously, some of the categories get little more than token representation. Many of our most significant contemporary figures, potent artists whose moment is far from past, were ignored

entirely. Where, in what claims to be a major survey of contemporary Australian art, were Boyd, Williams, Nolan, Dawson, Brack, Kemp or, for that matter, Cress, Firth-Smith, Ball, Clarke, Whiteley, Leach-Jones, Senbergs and Bren? Perhaps the answer is that young curators beget young exhibitions.

The last all-out effort to show what the best young creative talents were up to was in 1973, in 'Recent Australian Art', also produced by the Art Gallery of New South Wales and it is interesting to compare it with 'Perspecta 81'. It was, to begin with, more modest in size; only forty-seven artists with (usually) one work each. There was only one woman artist included, (twenty-two in 'Perspecta 81') although another participated in the nude tableau vivant staged by Ian Burn. At the time, 'Recent Australian Art', was generally considered a worthwhile demonstration of the current state of contemporary art, the best survey show, in fact, since 'The Field' in 1968. Only eleven of the artists included in 1973 appear again in 'Perspecta 81', presumably because they had not sunk into predictability or come to be considered Old Masters.

The catalogue for the 1973 show was a straightforward affair that confined itself to giving basic information about artist and work, including a smudgy photograph of each. The catalogue for 'Perspecta 81' might be considered a model of its kind. Large in size and comprehensively illustrated, it is a seriously minded document and exhaustive in its treatment of each artist. It is also

arts in 1981. In my article in the last edition of ART and Australia (December 1981) I suggested that the two exhibitions under examination ('The First Australian Sculpture Triennial' and 'Perspecta 81') revealed that there was considerable uncertainty among artists about just where they were going, that, in fact, they had reached a point of hiatus. The sculptors seemed to have decided that, for them, the way forward lay through a re-engagement with the fundamentals of their art — in the materials used, the methods used to work them and in the meaning to be recovered by such means. The painters, although equally uneasy about what they were doing have, as yet, been unable to settle upon any such convenient solution. What we have is a general confusion of aim that has been comfortingly designated as a new and valuable pluralism in art. There is general agreement that the idea of an avant-garde is no longer tenable; the advanced taste of collectors, or the commercial process, rapidly assimilated everything, no matter how extreme or antiart or uncollectable it presented itself as being. As the authority of the traditional forms of art warned through their increasing inanition and irrelevance, focus was lost and artistic activity dispersed into new or formerly minor areas. The fiction of an orderly, linear development became impossible to sustain. There was now no mainstream no single dominant movement and no one direction, instead we have, as this exhibition demonstrates, a disparate assortment of wares categorized as the products of aesthetic effort. This very plurality of approach has emphasized and exacerbated the drift into superficiality. Instead of an art of high moral purpose or deep psychological relevance we are offered mere distraction, with the artist cast as showman, poseur, charismatic genius or polemicist concerned more with career than content. If the cultural products of the moment tend toward triviality rather than seriousness and profundity we must regard this as an aspect of the general loss of faith in the old gods of art and of the search for new direction, purpose, meaning.

As I have pointed out, this search for a



GEOFFREY HOGG TURANA YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE — FIRST MURAL (1980)
Documentation of exterior wall mural at Turana Youth Training Centre, Brunswick, Melbourne: 2 framed panels, each 68 × 96 cm

Photograph by Colin Bogaars

meaningful new direction has led sculptors back to myth and ritual.² The painters have looked back, too, and have proposed a reengagement with image-making as a possible way forward. Although excluded from this exhibition, there is a substantial number of painters working in a New Realist/Photo Realist style. Unfortunately, this approach rapidly proved to be sterile, not because it was backward-looking, but because it relied on its initial impact and on a combination of a slavish reproduction of the original photograph and extreme manual dexterity. Form was everything, content nothing. It was, consequently, an enormously popular and marketable commodity. The one local artist to have struggled beyond this stylish rehash of the exhausted conventions of nineteenthcentury Salon art is William Delafield-Cook. He was not included in 'Perspecta 81'. There are, however, enough figurative artists included in the show to demonstrate that it is again a viable area for present-day art, although the one artist to wring from it a major statement is Peter Booth.

There are, perhaps, a dozen painters among the twenty or so included in 'Perspecta 81' who are working in a figurative way, although each has arrived at a personal approach that acknowledges the heritage of modernism without being trapped by it. Not for them the bland objectivity and precision of Photo-Realism; their use of aspects of the visual world is to a great degree subjective. In his untitled Painting 1981 Peter Booth has confronted and expanded his own dream images to produce a picture as disturbing and powerful as anything of Ensor or Munch. By expressing his own fears and fantasies he articulates those of society and, in doing 50, attempts to re-establish a mythopoetic role for art. His concern for the formal aspects of his art is incidental and dealt with automatically in working toward his primary objective. This side-stepping of aesthetic issues in the struggle for meaningful content is also apparent in the work of Ann Newmarch and Peter Kennedy.

'Art is not the province of an élite, not a mystery to be penetrated only by a select few. An artists has a responsibility as an imagemaker to concerns wider than herself or her art. The audience I wish to talk to are women who are oppressed by sexism, and people who are exploited by capitalism'. (Newmarch).









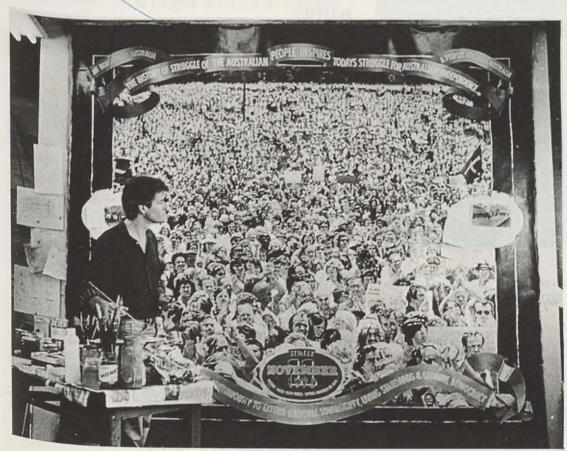


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Oil on canvas 198 × 305 cm
Art Gallery of New South Wales

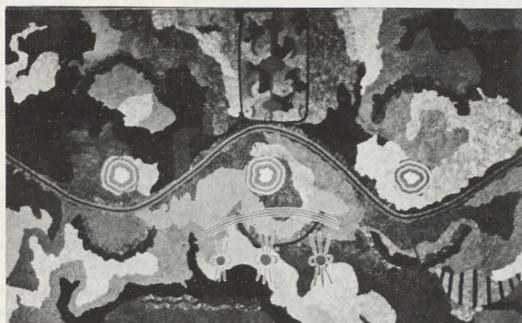
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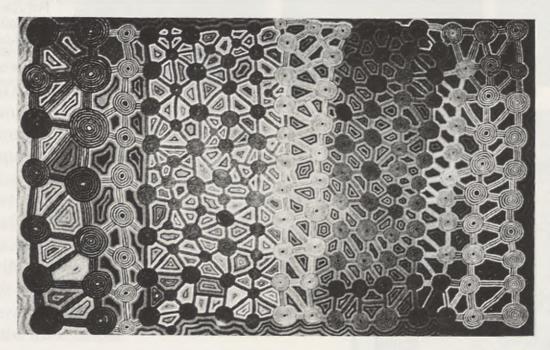
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BEA MADDOCK BLUEPRINTS FOR
THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA (1980)
12 drawings, ink and coloured pencil
on photosensitive paper Nos. 1 and 3
86 × 49 cm; Nos. 2 and 4 90 × 48 cm
Stuart Gerstman Galleries, Melbourne

below
PETER KENNEDY NOVEMBER ELEVEN
— AN AUSTRALIAN HISTORY WORK IN
PROGRESS — INSTALLATION No. 2 (1981)
Installation: banner colour videotape (2 cm colour cassette, 20 mins), 2 framed panels with drawings and supplementary information; banner: oil on canvas 274 × 305 cm
Possession of the artist









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SPIRIT DREAMING (1980)

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op detail: right-hand side; centre detail: left-hand side Synthetic polymer paint on canvas 211 × 670 cm Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs

CHARLIE TJAPANGATI TINGARI DREAMING (1981)
Synthetic polymer paint on canvas 230 × 367 cm
Aboriginal Arts Board, Australia Council
Photograph by John Delacour

Both artists have proposed an ideological function for art and each has created impressive polemical works that powerfully criticize particular situations, although without crying for revolutionary action or outlining a Utopian alternative. In a sense, both artists are reverting to the methods of influencing thought and so, behaviour, of pre-literate periods, although Newmarch's painting is little more than a large reproduction of a written statement and Kennedy has tried for greater impact by combining the old technology (a handpainted Trade Union Banner) with the new (a video tape).

The irony for both Kennedy and Newmarch is that their intentions are subverted and made ineffectual by their presentation within the middle-class milieu of the art gallery.

This Catch 22 situation is avoided in the work of Geoff Hogg and his Community Art Projects group, represented in 'Perspecta 81' by drawings for, and photographs of, completed murals. The nature of their working process (collective discussion, research, planning and painting) means that they have created a successful alternative to the dealer/ critic/gallery/ego-trip system, which presents art as commodity, as something that professional artists do for you - not something you do yourself. The Community Arts Group deliberately sets out to provide an experience of art and art-making for people who would normally remain outside the reach of high-art activity.

For example, the murals painted at the Turana Youth Training Centre (a hostel for recalcitrant youths) involved the inmates and the local residents in all aspects of the project. The message of the experience itself was brought into focus and reinforced by painting into the finished work this quotation, 'Who built Thebes of the 7 gates. History books say Kings, but did Kings carry the lumps of stone.'

Among the figurative painters are several who have worked in this way for a major part of their career — no sudden conversions here. They include Bea Maddock, Jenny Watson, Vicki Varvaressos, Mandy Martin, Sally Robinson, Robin Wallace-Crabbe, Davida Allen, Dale Hickey and Ken Whisson. Some, such as Maddock, Whisson and Martin deliberately exploit the point of ambiguity between figuration and abstraction. Some,

such as Dale Hickey, have chosen to concentrate on the decorative possibilities of the natural world. Hickey's pictures, both called Cottlesbridge landscape, exist as flat patterns and cry out to be made into tapestries. Not, I hasten to add, a pejorative comment, unless One believes in an hierarchy of value which makes the craft of painting automatically superior to the craft of weaving.

The painters' search is, however, not for a 'new direction; we have already had enough of those, nor is it simply for a cause to espouse, what they seek to discover is a Powerful generative impulse that can return conviction and authority to their work'. Painting may be an endangered species but it has not yet been displaced by photography, video or any of the inter-media hybrids that emerged in the 1970s. Nor, within painting, has figuration ousted abstraction. Four of the most impressive works in 'Perspecta 81' were Denise Green's Bull, David Aspden's Raising the sky, Elizabeth Gower's Fan and Lesley Dumbrell's Harlequin 2, all totally abstract.

For the first time in any general survey of Contemporary Australian Art, work by Aboriginal Australians was included.3 It was a brave attempt to give recognition to the cultural achievements of the original inhabitants of this country but one which raised many awkward questions. Why did such recognition take so long? Is it Aboriginal art or just art by Aborigines? By what criteria are we to judge it? It might well be as Bernice Murphy suggests in her Introduction to the catalogue, that these works are 'important examples of cultural adaption' and that they are 'quite compatible with the long evolution of Aboriginal culture'; but this optimistic view ignores the fact that any close relationship between such made-to-order work and work Which arises simply as an aspect of tribal society seems doomed to become increasingly tenuous. As the young men decline to undergo the rituals of initiation and to accept the concommitant burden of knowledge and responsibility, so the old men decline to pass on the ancient tribal wisdom, and the symbolic meaning fundamental to Aboriginal art is lost. What we get in its place may look superficially the same but be, in fact, meaningless decoration. The present works, however, despite their being non-traditional in form and medium were made by tribal men who, until



DENISE GREEN BULL Oil with wax, crayon and tape on canvas 213 × 213 cm Possession of the artist

Photograph by John Delacour

comparatively recently, lived the traditional bush life. The paintings are impressive demonstrations of the Aboriginal artists' ability to integrate traditional sacred and secular meaning and to combine them into graphic symbols of great impact. The vast canvas (670 cm long) by the brothers Clifford and Tim Tjapaltjarri, is an epic piece of history painting, crammed with important information about their country and the myths associated with it. The paintings from the Pintubi Tribe because of their strong abstract patterns are, at first viewing, the most appealing to viewers more accustomed to the conventions of Western art, although all but the simplest interpretation of the paintings' meaning is withheld from them.

At a time when general awareness of the disgraceful treatment of Aborigines by white Australia has never been higher, the inclusion of Aboriginal painting in an exhibition such as 'Perspecta 81', may be regarded as a political act, less confrontational than that of Peter Kennedy, but at least as telling and perhaps ultimately more meaningful.

The other categories within 'Perspecta 81' include much fine work, ranging from the photographic documentation of Mike Parr's continuing psycho-drama to Bill Henson's sequence of thirty-two mysterious, gentle photographs; from Rosalie Gascoigne's subtle and beautiful March past, to Lutz Presser's bloody and violent Martyr and flames. Each in its own way adds something to art's store and, equally, each does so in its own way. Cubism, Surrealism, Expressionism, both abstract and figurative, and the great themes of Man and Nature, all continue as sources of inspiration. They are, however, only the raw material from which great works of art are made. Their transmutation into the gold of art depends, as always, upon the individual, his sensibility and his ability to give concrete expression to his visionary images; but from where and from which the best new art will emerge, the crystal ball (and 'Perspecta 81') fail to reveal.

¹ Bruce Adams, Review, ART and Australia, Vol 11 No. 3,

² In this exhibition Tom Arthur, Tony Bishop, John Davis and Kevin Mortensen may be regarded as participating in

³ Examples of Aboriginal bark painting from Arnhem Land were included in the 1979 'Biennale of Sydney'.

Gold found by the artists by Bernice Murphy

Within a culture that so values material things, spatial mobility and change as ours, the two-week work in Sydney last July by Marina Abramović and Ulay¹ was a deeply challenging one. While the formal elements and presentation of *Gold found by the artists* (Art Gallery of New South Wales, 4-19 July 1981) grew unmistakably out of European art, it was nevertheless a work that focused strongly on cultural experience the artists had gained in Australia.

It was formed particularly by their experience over four months, beginning late in 1980, spent in the Central and West Australian deserts, in the environment of Aboriginal culture and, at times, in direct contact with tribal Aboriginal people (notably the Pitjantjatjara, Anmatjera and Pintubi people of Papunya, a multi-tribal settlement officially established in 1960). The dominant colours of the performance in Sydney — red, black and gold — are, in fact, the colours of the national Aboriginal flags and buttons that have emerged in cities in the struggles for Aboriginal land rights.

During the period of realization of *Gold* found by the artists, Marina Abramović and Ulay maintained a continuous silence and fast — taking only fluids — over sixteen days. During the Gallery's public opening hours for that period, the artists sat in chairs at opposite ends of a long table of black plate glass, in silence and contemplation for the duration of each day, maintaining almost total immobility throughout. On the shining black table, reflecting a grid of lights from the ceiling, some small nuggets of gold were scattered — alluvial gold found during their time in the desert, known but, traditionally, left untouched by Aboriginal tribal culture.

Each day a gilded boomerang and a non-venomous diamond python (a generally

quiescent creature at this time of year when it is in its normal state of winter hibernation, scarcely feeding) were placed in the centre of the table. The snake, of such heroic and generative proportions in Aboriginal Dreaming legends, is also an immensely powerful symbol in western art, often with oppositional meanings accreted around its image (from healing powers and rebirth, to the Fall of Man and threatening evil).

The snake's continuous presence throughout the performance and the fact that it was not confined or under the control of the artists but occasionally moved or changed its position at will, gave a special potency to the work. In this context, it conveyed, symbolically, concentrated energy and a mobile life force, the focal point of the artists' contemplation.

Within the physical Gallery space defined by the performance, two framed Cibachrome photographs were located. The first, an image created in Amsterdam, showed the artists standing, facing each other in profile, the index fingers of each nearer hand drawn together but not quite establishing contact. This was a summarizing image from their recent 'Relation' works in Europe, dealing with male-female polarities and a live circuit of mental energy transmitted from one to another.

The first image was located on an approaching wall, as a prelude and background context for *Gold found by the artists*. The second image, larger and more striking, was taken in Australia (although it stems from a Polaroid 'sketch' for the idea first conceived in Amsterdam). The artists are shown in frozen tango pose, Ulay in red, Abramović in black, in the clothes and arrangement that constituted the central image of their preceding performance in Melbourne, at the 'First Australia's performance in Melbourne, at the 'First Australi

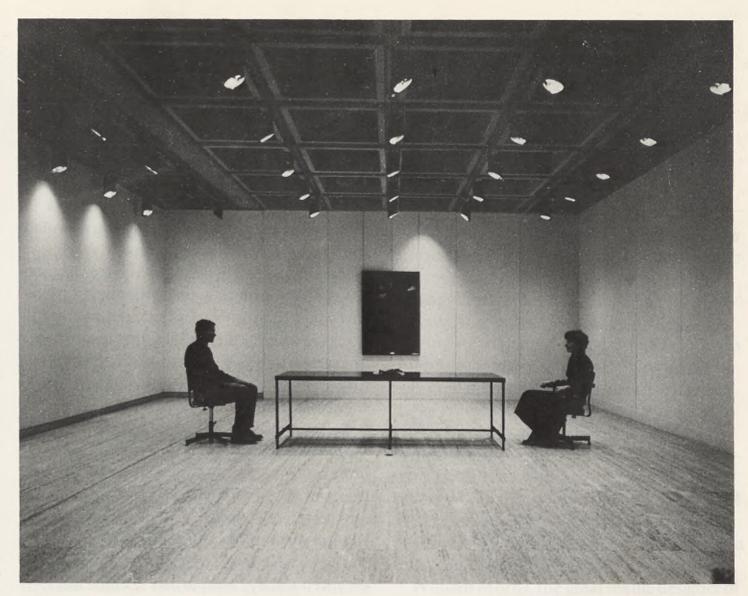
tralian Sculpture Triennial': Similar illusion, April 1981. Located beyond the table on the rear wall and establishing a counter-axis with the audience, this image also represented a Static presentation of imaginative energy crystallized from prior work. Its ongoing significance was stressed in the fact that the artists wore the same clothing in the live tableau before the audience in Gold found by the artists.

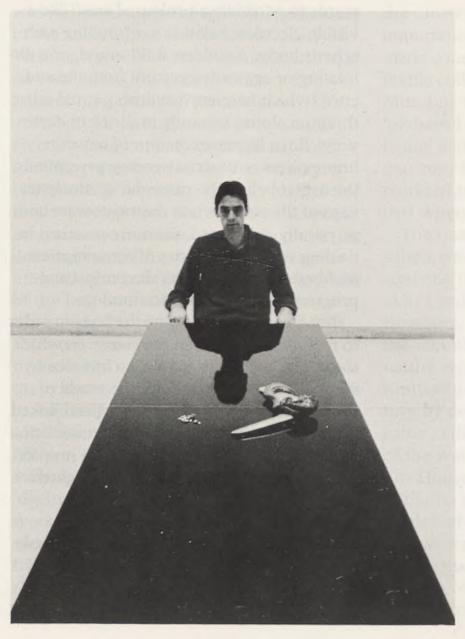
During the first day of the performance there was no barrier separating artists from audience. Spectators were free to enter and move around in the space occupied by the artists — although it was something of an intervention to do so, the space seeming so 'charged' and spiritually annexed by their presence. Certain things became evident during the first day that made this continued free interplay between the artists' and audience's space impossible to continue.

First, although clearly a 'live' work, the extreme formality of arrangement and immobility of the artists established such a steady, single image that it had, at times, the power to bewitch the normal operations between mind and eye, collapsing the barrier between reality and illusion. At times, the artists were so uncannily still for long periods, with even the blinking of eyes suspended, that the normal restless infiltration of nervous stimuli and tensions throughout the body had apparently been subverted, their figures seeming to transform into waxworks.

In such circumstances, occasional members of the public who arrived on the first day approached the artists inquisitively as if they Were merely inert polychrome sculpture, abandoning the relational regard or respect for body space that one would normally accord a live stranger. Attempts to touch the snake, or even the artists, while in some ways an evidence of the work's imagistic power, in fact threatened its very conditions of hazard-Ous lived reality (fundamentally different from a piece of improvisational theatre). By the end of the first day it became clear that the artists would never survive the psychological rigours of the work unless a physical barrier were erected, so the spaces of the artists and spectators were clearly separated thereafter.

Although Abramović and Ulay had previously carried out works that involved physical stress to the limits of bodily





MARINA ABRAMOVIC AND ULAY GOLD FOUND BY THE ARTISTS Performance art at Art Gallery of New South Wales, July 1981

Photograph by John Delacour

MARINA ABRAMOVIC AND ULAY FOUND BY THE ARTISTS (DETAIL) Performance art at Art Gallery of New South Wales, July 1981

Photograph by John Delacour

tolerance,2 Gold found by the artists was by far the most taxing and difficult work — as well as imaginatively adventurous - of their career together. Although it was one of the longest works to be carried out anywhere in recent performance art, it was a work that remarkably resisted the normal dynamics of development in time. Instead, it was notable for its conflation of a few elements into a single, unvarying structure, which, revealed in the first few moments after the work's beginning, was then extended over sixteen days in formal terms, one prolonged tableau sustained for a total of a hundred and four hours; but in experiential terms, a journey of consciousness sustained through three hundred and sixty-five hours of continuous silence and fast.

To be utterly still requires adamantine will: 'You have to nearly break the body before you can free the mind' said Ulay. Marina also referred later to long hours of 'such suffering' experienced in order to attain, for periods, a mental plateau of epiphanic calm and clarity. In the most intense of such moments of elevated clarity, both artists testified afterwards to perceiving a coloured aura, like a visible electrical halation surrounding each other's body. A sudden shrill sound, or a distracting or aggressive gesture from the audience (which happened at times), could cause this aura almost instantly to shrink in dimensions. Such hyper-excitation of sensory impressions — or extra-sensory perceptions, the artists believe — came during the latter days of the work, when the artists were both physically debilitated, yet more practised in dealing with the vagaries of consciousness and better able to master discomfort and progress to complete concentration.

The concern to discipline the body in order to free the mind reveals the course on which this work was directed over an arduous two-week period. It led far from the world of theatre, conceptual or process art and linked ultimately with the tradition of renunciation and withdrawal that is practised by mystics and ascetics in quest of spiritual enlightenment.

The inner experience was necessarily inaccessible to the audience, communicable in general nature only, through inference drawn from outward signs. In fact, the immateriality of this work's core—the artists'

non-visible mental stages — raises questions as to whether they can continue this development without breaking further beyond the parameters of visual art and invoking another frame of reference that lies outside art.

However, this problem remains acute only while the long-standing schism in the modern tradition between art and metaphysical experience is maintained. Restore some of the spiritual, contemplative and enveloping possibilities that art once had (and in tribal culture still sustains) and the dichotomy is no longer so difficult. It is a question of how exclusively perceptual and social, or how spiritually suggestive, art may once again be. This, I think, was a central question carried within a deeply moving work.

One is drawn back continually to the striking visual presence this work achieved, its minimalism and strong Europeanness avoiding any loose elision into Aboriginal symbolism. The formal tension in the work came about through oppositional contrasts between two disparate cultural experiences. There was no attempt simply to blur the two into an (potentially ludicrous) amalgam.

Gold found by the artists did, in fact, register a fluctuating level of intensity and controlled energy over the sixteen days. It reached one of its most precarious phases when, one afternoon, the intervention of a member of the audience to leave an absurd cheerio note on the table, combined with increased pain through loss of weight, made Ulay stand up and leave the space early. Yet the dominant constructs of the work were sustained, with Marina remaining alone for several hours as the living thread of energy to the piece. Witnessing, towards the end of the day, her more hunched, exhausted form, still immobile and controlled, was for me an incandescent moment in performance art.

After first meeting in 1975, Marina Abramović (born 1946 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia) and Ulay (born 1943 in Solingen, West Germany) began to develop their joint 'Relation Work' in Amsterdam in 1976. For the past six years they have carried out performance work together in Europe, the United States of America and Australia. Their first visit to Australia was in 1979, as participating artists in the Third Biennale of Sydney'. A brief trip to Central Australia at that time brought them into tentative contact with Aboriginal tribal culture — an ancient, desert-moulded culture in which 'performance' rituals have a pre-eminent and unifying role, drawing on traditions stretching back some 40,000 years.

²Illustrated Art and Australia, Vol 17 No. 2, p. 181.

Twentieth-century costume:

A focus for Australian Art Museums

by Jane de Teliga

In 1981, we saw the advent of the first major exhibition of twentieth-century costume ever to be shown in Australia in a gallery context. The fact that such an exhibition was put together by the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and that it was shown in Australia, is a reflection of a decade of interest, world wide, in the whole field of twentieth-century costume.

Focusing on fashion as an art, the exhibition 'Fabulous Fashion 1907-1967' showed the work of the great fashion designers of this century. Contact was initially made early in 1979 by the National Gallery of Victoria to the Costume Institute, requesting an exhibition of costume to tour Australia. It was decided that, as nineteenth-century costume was well represented in Australia, particularly in the collection of the National Gallery of Victoria, it would be more appropriate to send an exhibition of twentieth-century fashion, representing the art of *haute couture*.

Twentieth-century costume was, until recently (and in many cases still is), only sparsely represented in the decorative arts collections in Australia. This fact is paralleled in the development of costume collections in art museums overseas. As background to the development of Australian collections, it is interesting to examine first the history of one of the best-known costume collections in the world, that of the Victorian and Albert Museum, London.

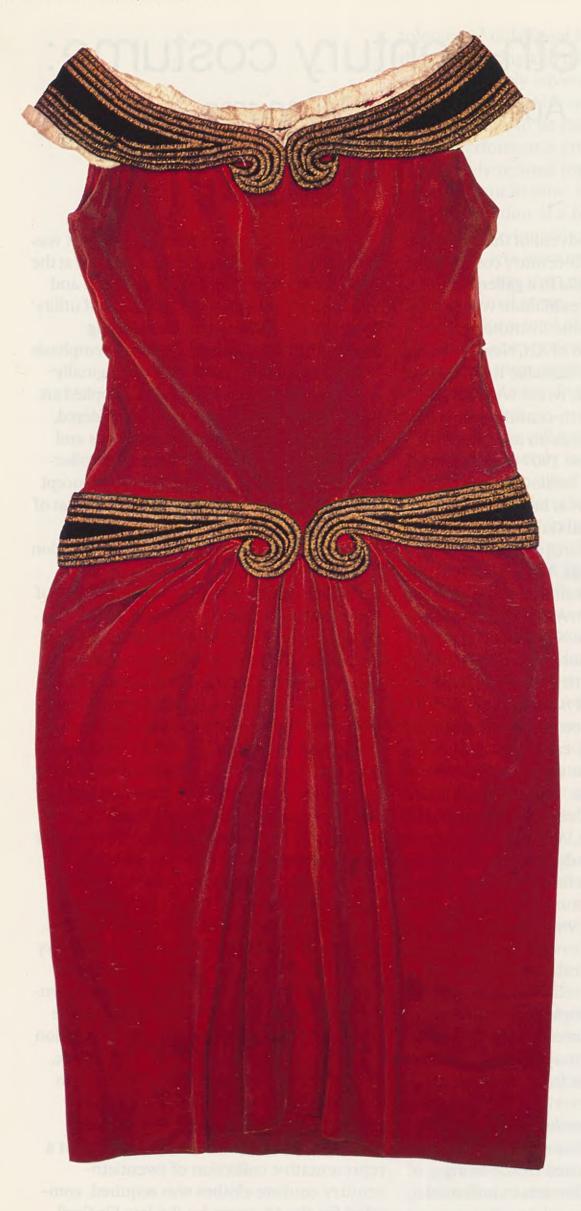
The initial model for the development of many decorative-arts collections, particularly in Australia, was the Victoria and Albert Museum. After the success of the Great Exhibition of 1851, a sum of money was set aside to purchase items from the exhibition 'distinguished for the excellence of their art of workmanship'. This resulted from the conviction that the level of contemporary industrial design could be raised by involving the exponents of the fine arts in industrial production.

The Museum of Ornamental Art, as it was then called, was opened in 1852, aiming at the improvement of public taste in design and 'the application of fine art to objects of utility' by means of collecting and exhibiting specimens to the public¹. With this emphasis on fine ornament, costume was originally collected for the textile used, as an applied art. Large collections of lace and embroidered, woven and printed textiles, tapestries and carpets were made. The use of such collections continued to justify the initial concept under which they were established — that of the ennoblement of the artefacts of the everyday life of the present by the inspiration from the past.

William Morris, the great textile designer of the nineteenth century, recognized the importance of studying the art of the past and made considerable use of the magnificent textile collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum. He remarked on the collection that 'perhaps I have used it as much as any man living' and stated that 'however original a man may be, he cannot afford to disregard the works of art that have been produced in times past when design was flourishing.' ²

The costume collection at the Victoria and Albert was gradually built up, principally covering the fashionable costume (both men's and women's) from 1580 onwards. However, as with most costume collections, the acquisition of clothing of a contemporary nature was largely the result of donation. Couture garments of the early twentieth century by designers such as Poiret and Lucile came to the Museum through the acquisition of the wardrobe of Miss Heather Fairbank. The House of Dior presented the Museum with one of its most popular 'new look' models of the momentous 1947 season.

However, it was not until 1971-72 that a representative collection of twentieth-century couture clothes was acquired, compiled for the Museum by the late Sir Cecil





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PAUL POIRET COQ D'ORANGE VELVET EVENING DRESS
(c. 1923)
Australian National Gallery

Photograph by David Loram

above
SONIA DELAUNEY COSTUME FOR THE FEMALE SERVANT
OF THE TEMPLE FROM 'CLEOPATRE' (1918)
Silk with applique
Australian National Gallery, Canberra

Photograph by David Loram

opposite
LINDA JACKSON AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWERS (1981)
Cotton poplin with applique
Australian National Gallery, Canberra

Photograph by David Loram



Beaton for the exhibition 'Fashion: An Anthology'. This resulted in the acquisition of over 200 couture dresses by eminent couturiers such as Worth, Poiret, Chanel, Vionnet, Schiaparelli, Dior and Balenciaga.

This interest in twentieth-century couture was again reflected in the exhibition 'Fashion 1909-1939' (staged at the Museum in 1975) which examined the relationship of fashion, art and the decorative arts from 1900.

In recent years, the Museum has acquired couture garments such as the *avant-garde* quilted-satin evening jacket of 1937 by Charles James and a pleated silk dress with printed velvet evening jacket by Mariano Fortuny. The acquisition of such objects reflects the policy of the Museum's Department of Textiles and Dress, directed towards the consolidation of a comprehensive twentieth century collection; emphasis is placed also on the acquisition of contemporary material.³

This interest in twentieth-century costume is reflected in three Australian collections: in the two relatively unfamiliar and newly emerging costume collections of the Australian National Gallery, Canberra and the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Sydney, as well as in the well-known collection of the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.

Like the Victoria and Albert, the National Gallery of Victoria began its costume collection by acquiring textiles. This was as early as 1895, with the purchase of a group of block-printed Indian cottons. It was not until 1948 that the first costumes entered the collection with the presentation to the Gallery of a group of female fashionable costume and accessories of the early to mid-nineteenth century. Since 1949, the Gallery has collected extensively in the area of costume and textiles as part of the Department of Decorative Arts. The greatest strength of the collection is the fashionable dress of the nineteenth-century woman. With the purchase of the Schofield collection in 1974 by a special grant from the Victorian Government and, in combination with an existing fine collection, the National Gallery achieved a representative collection of nineteenth-century female costume of world standard. In 1975, the exhibition 'Lady of Fashion 1800-1935' was mounted, featuring over one hundred and fifty costumes from the Schofield collection. This exhibition

stimulated a great deal of interest in the Costume and Textile Section and many offers of costumes and accessories were received as a result.

Since then, the area of twentieth-century costume has been augmented by the acquisition of numerous items including the four garments that were included in the exhibition 'Fabulous Fashion 1907-1967' from the Costume Institute, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. (This exhibition was shown at the National Gallery of Victoria 27 May -5 July 1981 and at the Art Gallery of New South Wales 14 August – 27 September 1981). The gowns from the National Gallery of Victoria included in this exhibition were three lavishly beaded French evening dresses of about 1925 (purchased in 1974 and 1977) and a superb pink pleated-silk Delphos gown (c. 1912-20) by Mariano Fortuny (purchased in 1977).

The work of Mariano Fortuny has become of increasing interest to decorative-arts collections throughout the world. Working outside the fashion mainstream, Mariano Fortuny, artist and designer, created a classical mode of dress based on ancient Greek models which he christened 'the Delphos'. An exhibition of Fortuny's work, organized by the Musée Historique des Tissus, the textile museum in Lyon, recently on show in America, reflects the present trend in the world of costume to focus on the influential designers of this century.

Some important couture garments by famous French designers such as Paquin, Callot Soeurs and Vionnet from the 1920s were presented by the Art Foundation of Victoria to the collection of the National Gallery of Victoria in 1979.

In 1980, the donation of a small group of designers' toiles from Paris provided an addition to the Gallery's record of the fashion world. These toiles (made in calico), were selected from the Paris Collections of designers like Cardin and Nina Ricci during the 1950s and 1960s and were used in Australia by the House of Lucas as a guide to copying overseas models under licence from Paris. All the toiles have been resewn, so that they look like finished garments.

The Melbourne milliner, Thomas Harrison, contributed another aspect to the Gallery's collection when, in 1976, after having retired from exclusive millinery business, he donated

one hundred and forty of his hats. Covering the years 1935 to 1975, the hats illustrate the changes in fashion over that period.

From its founding in 1880, after the Sydney International Exhibition of 1979, the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences has collected very broadly in the whole field of textiles and costume. One of the earliest costumes in the collection, purchased in 1884, is an embroidered underdress from Central Europe, which is currently on display in the new Museum building, Stage 1. The collection ranges primarily from the mid-Seventeenth century to the present day and coverss a wide spectrum of textiles including lace and embroidery, costume accessories notably fans and shoes, and traditional and fashionable costume. The predominant area of the collection has been women's costume from the mid-nineteenth century until about the 1930s. In recent years, the plans to provide new premises for the Museum and the appointment of a curator in the area of costume and textile have resulted in a review of the collection and an attempt to develop specific areas.

One of the areas of particular interest is that of textiles, with the intention of devel-⁰ping a comprehensive reference collection of Australian, European and Asian examples. The Museum has recently acquired, with the help of donors, part of a collection of textile books, printing blocks and fabric samples ranging from 1830 to 1950. The books, containing thousands of dated textile samples primarily from French textile mills, have been donated by Bruno and Christine Pichler, The Fashion Group, Bradmill Industries, Tennyson Textiles and Simplicity Patterns — an example of the generous sponsorship on which the Museum relies to follow its acquisition policy. The involvement of the fashion and textile industry is particularly important to the Museum and such patronage will, in turn, provide a resource of material from which costume and textile designers and students can draw inspiration and knowledge.

The theme of textiles is being followed through in other departments, with the Museum's Department of Technology beginning to build up a collection relating to textile technology.

One of the costume areas the Museum Wishes to develop is that of twentieth-century



MARIANO FORTUNY **DELPHOS GOWNS** 20th century left: pink pleated silk, loose over-tunic and sleeves with Venetian beads National Gallery of Victoria

centre: dark olive green velvet stencilled in gold in a Middle Eastern pattern edged in calligraphy: pleated black silk and Venetian beads at sides Costume Institute, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

right: HOODED EVENING CAPE mauve and grey striped velvet, made in the style of a North African burnouse Costume Institute, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

right: (worn under cape) pale grey-green pleated silk, sleeveless with scoop neckline and Venetian beads Costume Institute, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Photograph by Joshua Greene

clothing, especially from about 1940 to the present day. It is planned to cover two major aspects of dress in the collection — fashionable dress in the form of clothes from Australia and Europe and ordinary everyday clothing, including work clothes. Thus, the emphasis is on a broad, spectrum of the history and development of costume, both the fine products of skilled design and craftsmanship and the everyday clothing of men, women and children, particularly as it pertains to the social history of Australia.

The first major twentieth-century couture clothes will come into the Museum's collection when a group of gowns, originally owned by the designer Chris Jacovides, and bought by the Fashion Group for the National Trust of Australia, are transferred from the National Trust Collection to the Museum. Clothes worn by public figures in Australia are another area of interest to the Museum.

When the Art Gallery of New South Wales showed its exhibition 'Art Clothes' (Project 33, 20 December 1980 — 1 February 1981), contemporary clothing and accessories by young Australian artists and designers were seen for the first time in a gallery context. In line with its policy of representing both contemporary trends and clothing of Australian origin, the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences acquired a number of pieces from the exhibition. Many of these works incorporated Australian motifs in their visual imagery for example, the knitted cotton dress and jacket, titled Opera House, designed by Jenny Kee for Flamingo Park.

Another public collection to acquire works from the exhibition 'Art Clothes' was the Australian National Gallery, Canberra. These 'wearable art objects' were acquired for the Australian Decorative Arts Collection and included clothes by designers Jenny Bannister and Katie Pye, fabrics designed by Jenny Kee, and Wildflowers, a cotton jacket and skirt appliquéd with Australian wildflower shapes, designed by Linda Jackson. These works joined an already existing group of material that included Peter Tully's 'urban tribalwear plastic coat, Shorty pyjamas, a leather bag by Mark Arbuz and the knitted Wattle dress designed by Jenny Kee.

These costumes were collected as art works rather than examples of Australian fashion, as fashion garments are outside the scope of

the Australian collection. As the Australian Decorative Arts Collection covers such a broad range of objects, it is not intended to collect Australian fashion but rather to record it by assembling an archive of Australian fashion photographs.

An area of particular emphasis is the history and development of textiles in Australia and the collection already includes embroidery, crochet work, rugs, quilts and fabrics designed by Australian artists in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s.

The intention of the Australian National Gallery is that the decorative arts should be displayed in close proximity to the visual arts so that a full range of Australian visual culture can be seen at one time. Works from one art movement and period will be displayed together, rather than divided into separate media.

In the International Decorative Arts collection of the Australian National Gallery there are two departments collecting costume and design — Threatre Arts, and Fashion and Textiles. The collecting policy is directed towards representing, primarily, the work of the important and influential designers of the late-nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Represented among the five hundred or so items in the Theatre Arts collections are costumes and designs for thirty ballets performed by Diaghilev's Ballets Russes. Beginning with costumes designed for the first ballet, Le Pavillon d'Armide, performed in Paris in 1909 and ending with the last ballet, Ode, produced in 1928, the year before Diaghilev died, the representation of the Ballets Russes includes works by Leon Bakst for Scheherazade, first performed in 1911, and for the Sleeping Princess, first performed in 1921. Other important costumes for Diaghilev's ballets in the collection are the costumes hand-painted by Matisse for Le Chant du Rossignol, first performed in 1920, costumes by Sonia Delaunay for Cléopâtre, first performed 1918-19, and the costume worn by Nijinsky for Petrouchka, first performed in 1911.

The emphasis of the Fashion and Textile acquisition policy is on the innovative couture designers, whose work has made a significant contribution to twentieth-century fashion. The core of the collection consists of an entire group of costume, accessories and





top and above JENNY KEE OPERA HOUSE (1980) Cotton knit dress and jacket Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences

related reference material purchased in 1976 from Julian Robinson. This collection contains a number of important designer-dresses by *couturiers* such as Callot Soeurs, Poiret, Vionnet, Schiaparelli, Lanvin, Patou and Molyneux.

Recent important acquisitions of the Department have been a Worth afternoon dress of around the turn of the century and a velvet stencilled jacket and 'Delphos' pleated tea-gown by Fortuny, of early this century, acquired in 1981 at auction overseas.

As support reference material is vital to the fashion and textile collection, an important resource is being built up of designs and printed material. The fashion library begins with the first fashion publication, the Lady's Magazine, published in 1770, and includes a collection of 'pochoir' illustrations (coloured stencils) used in de luxe fashion periodicals such as the Gazette de Bon Ton. A comprehensive collection of the main fashion magazines is also being developed for reference and study purposes.

The Department of Fashion and Textiles is planning its first major exhibition, to be held in 1983. To be titled 'The Artist in Fashion', its theme, appropriate to an art museum context, will be fashion as an art. Like the exhibition 'Fabulous Fashion 1907-1967' it will focus on the influential designers of the twentieth century.

It is interesting to note that virtually every item in the exhibition 'Fabulous Fashion 1907-1967' was acquired by the Costume Institute through donation. These donations have taken place mostly over the last decade since the Institute began the series of major exhibitions on the important fashion designers of this century. Such exhibitions raise the general public awareness of the importance of twentieth-century costume to the decorative arts collections of art museums, and encourage the private donations and corporate sponsorship so necessary for the development of such collections.

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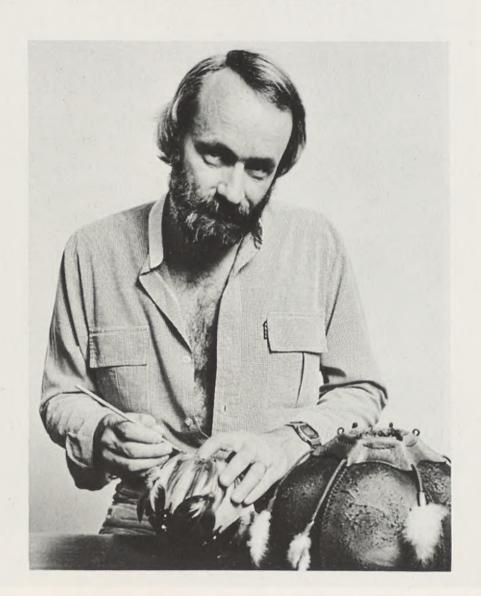
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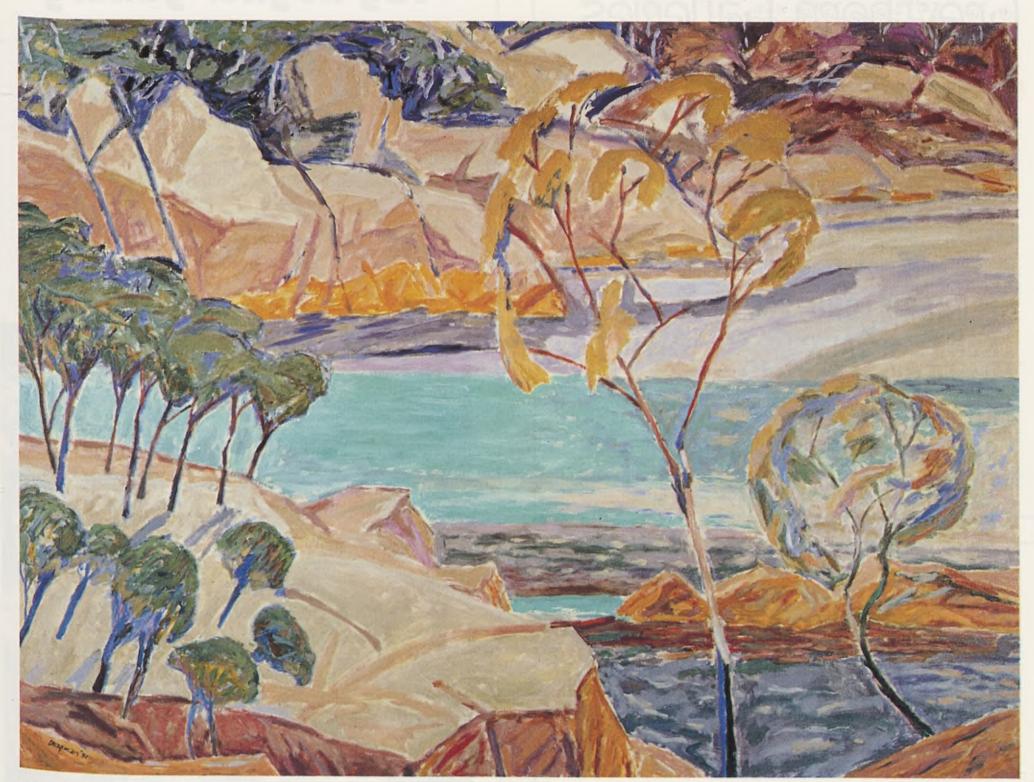
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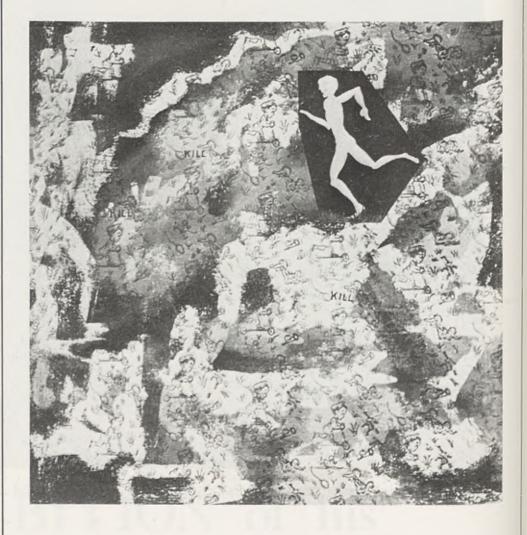
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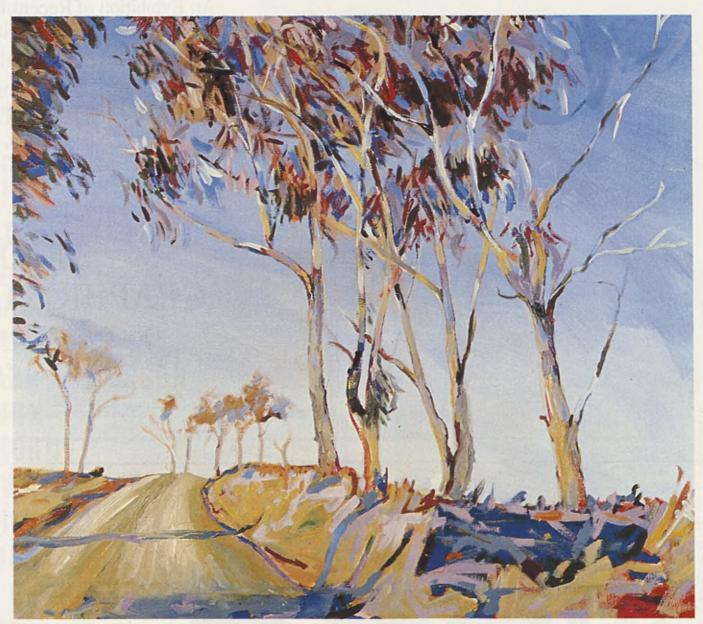
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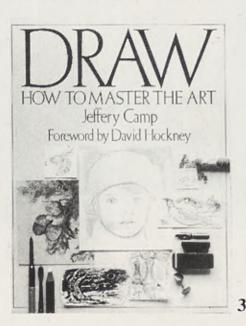
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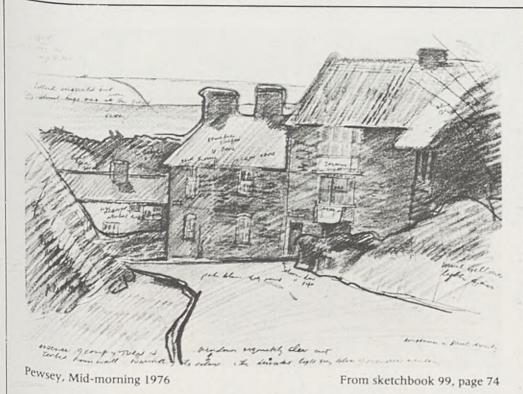
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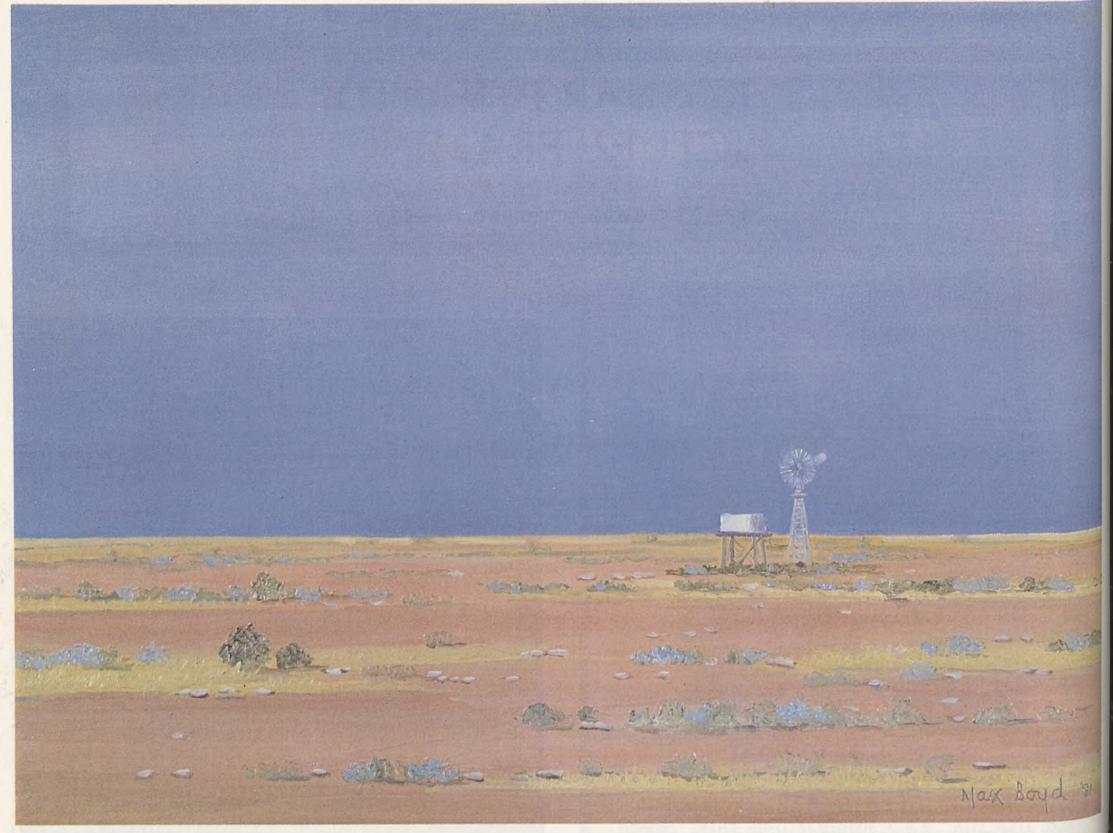
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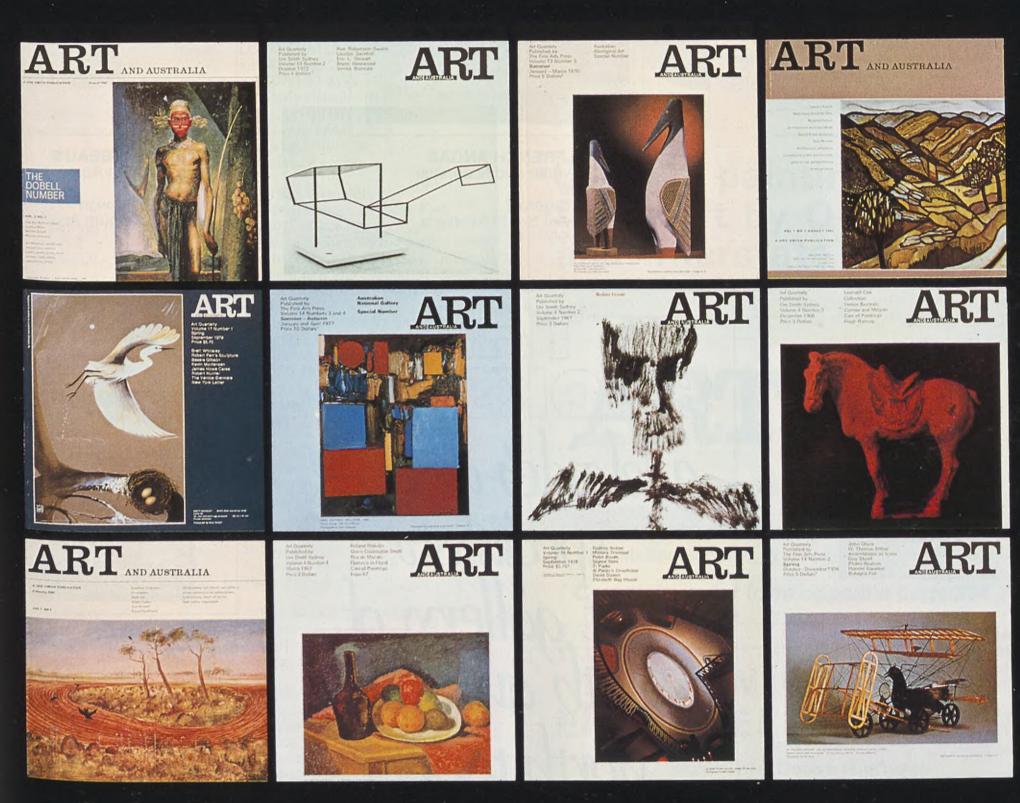
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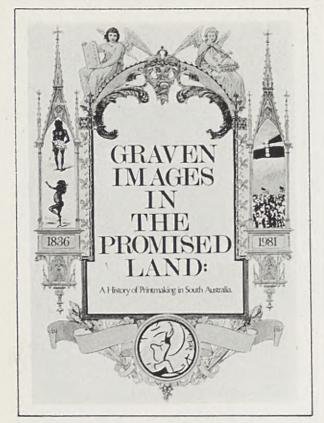


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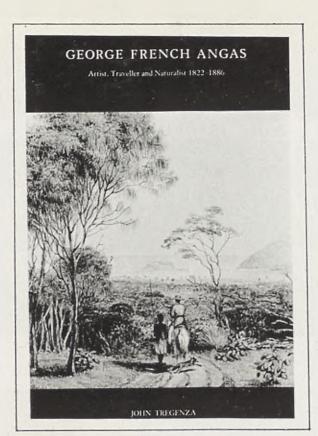


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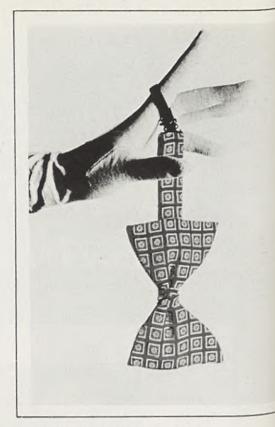
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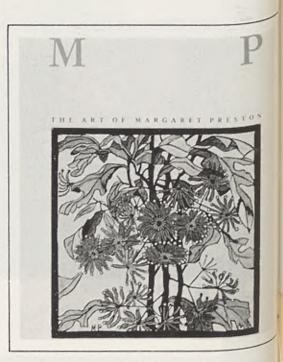
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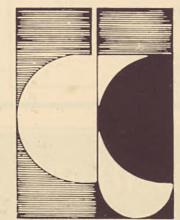
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Thursday, Friday: 10 - 4
Saturday: 10 - 1

ARTARMON GALLERIES
479 Pacific Highway, Artarmon 2064
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Large collection of Australian art, early and contemporary drawings and paintings.
Monday to Friday: 10 - 5
Saturday: by appointment

ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
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Tel. (02) 221 2100
5 - 28 March: Pictorial Photography in
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13 March - 9 May: The Sydney Harbour
Bridge
6 April - 23 May: Biennale of Sydney
13 May - 13 June: Kandinsky
Monday to Saturday: 10 - 5

Sunday: noon - 5

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Dobell House, 257 Oxford Street,
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Tel. (02) 331 6253
Monthly exhibitions of outstanding
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Project — The Hunter Valley
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Sunday: 1 - 5

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Changing exhibitions every two weeks
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artists; also clay jewellery and stained
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BLACKFRIARS GALLERY 172 St Johns Road, Glebe 2037 Tel. (02) 660 1928 Tuesday to Saturday: 11 - 6

BLAXLAND GALLERY 6th Floor, Myer City Store, 436 George Street, Sydney 2000 Tel. (02) 238 9390 1 - 12 March: The Print Circle etchings, woodcuts, serigraphs, lithographs. 19 - 21 April: Rose Show Monday to Friday: 9 - 5 Thursday until 8.30 Saturday: 9 - noon

BLOOMFIELD GALLERIES 118 Sutherland Street, Paddington 2021 Tel. (02) 326 2122 17 April - 4 May: Margery Dennis 8 - 26 May: Ruth Faerber 29 May - 15 June: John Aland 19 June - 6 July: Mixed exhibition Tuesday to Saturday: 10.30 - 5.30

BULL'S HILL POTTERY 1273 The Horsley Drive, Bossley Park Tel. (02) 604 4573

Original landscapes by Fuller, Fizell, Campbell, Vander; etchings, copper, metal sculpture, hand-thrown functional Stoneware, porcelain by Andrew Robbins Monday to Friday: 9 - 5 Saturday, Sunday, public holidays: 10 - 4

CHRISTOPHER DAY GALLERY 76a Paddington Street, Paddington 2021 Tel. (02) 326 1952 Changing exhibitions of quality. 19th- and 20th-century Australian and European oil and watercolour paintings. Monday to Saturday: 11 - 6 Sunday: by appointment

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119 Willoughby Road, Crows Nest 2065
Tel. (02) 43 2753
4 March - 3 April: Vikki Bennett — silk
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8 April - 1 May: Helen Edwards —
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6 - 29 May: Mary Hall — mosaics; Kate
Harvey — wool and weaving
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17 April - 5 May: Diego Catella — sculpture
8 - 26 May: Grahame Sydney
Tuesday to Saturday: 11 - 6

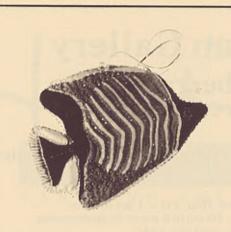
RUDY KOMON ART GALLERY
124 Jersey Road, Woollahra 2025
Tel. (02) 32 2533
20 February - 17 March: Michael Farrell
20 March - 14 April: Jock Clutterbuck —
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12 June - 7 July: Alun Leach-Jones
Monday to Saturday: 10 - 5

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on paper 26 June - 24 July: Wolfgang Gafgen recent graphic work

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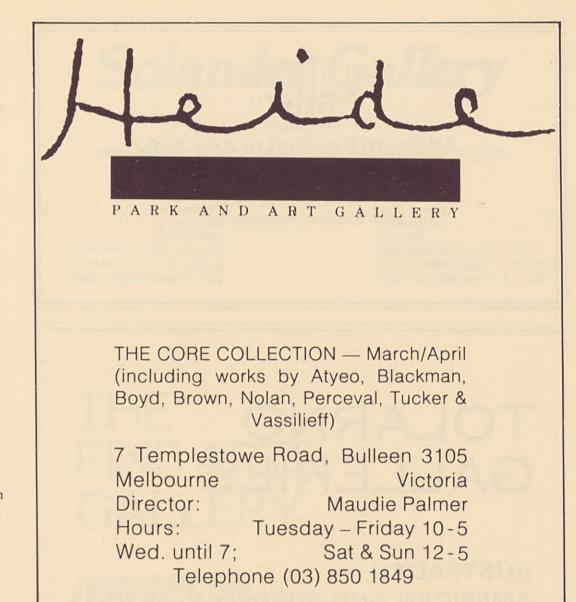
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NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA (extension gallery): **BANYULE GALLERY** 60 Buckingham Drive, Heidelberg 3084 Tel. (03) 459 7899 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10 - 5 Thursday: pre-booked parties only

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University of Melbourne, Parkville 305 Tel. (03) 341 5148 23 February - 8 April: Marino Marini etchings, lithographs; Howard Hodgkill etchings 22 April - 21 May: Ceramics, Meat Market — Permanent Collection; Hele Boyd — paintings, video 1 June - 9 July: Aboriginal Artefacts fro the Leonhard Adams Collection; Richald Crichton — drawings Tuesday to Friday: 10 - 5 Wednesday until 7

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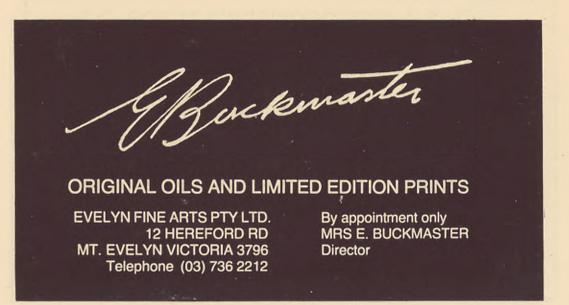
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Competitions and Prizewinners

This guide to art competitions and prizes is compiled with help from a list published by the Art Gallery of New South Wales. We set out competitions known to us to take place within the period covered by this issue. Where no other details are supplied by organizers of competitions we state the address for obtaining them.

Competition Organizers:

In order to keep this section up-to-date we ask that details and results of open awards and competitions be supplied regularly to the Directory Editor. These will then be included in the first available issue. We publish mid-December, March, June and September (deadlines: 3 months prior to publication).

Competitions

Queensland

BRISBANE ROYAL SHOW
Particulars from: Secretary, R.N.A.
Society, R.N.A. Exhibition Grounds,
Gregory Terrace, Fortitude Valley 4006.

DAVID JONES (BRISBANE)
ART PRIZE
Painting. Particulars from: David Jones
Auditorium, Queen Street, Brisbane
4000.

INGHAM HINCHINBROOK ACQUISITIVE ART COMPETITION Particulars from: Secretary, P.O. Box 366 Ingham 4850.

MAREEBA RODEO FESTIVAL ART EXHIBITION

Particulars from: Mareeba Art Development Group, C/o 3 Emerson Street, Mareeba 4880

ROCKHAMPTON ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION Particulars from: Rockhampton Art Gallery, City Hall, Rockhampton 4700

TOWNSVILLE PACIFIC FESTIVAL ART AWARDS Particulars from: Convenor, Art Exhibition, Townsville Pacific Festival, Box 809, P.O., Townsville 4810

New South Wales

ALBURY ART PRIZE Painting. Particulars from: Town Clerk, Albury City Council, Box 633, P.O., Albury, 2640 or Curator, Albury City Art Gallery 2640

ARMIDALE FRED ROBERTS MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR REPRESENT-ATIONAL PAINTING Particulars from: Secretary, Armidale Art Gallery Society, 155 Jessie Street, Armidale 2350.

ASHFIELD ART EXHIBITION Painting. Particulars from: Ashfield Municipal Arts and Culture Committee, Town Hall, Ashfield 2131.

BALLINA SOUTHERN CROSS ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL PRIZE Particulars from: Secretary, Box 73, P.O., Ballina 2478.

CURRABUBULA RED CROSS ART EXHIBITION Painting. Particulars from: Red Cross House, 159 Clarence Street, Sydney

DUBBO ART AND CRAFTS SOCIETY AWARDS Paintings. Particulars from: Exhibition Secretary, Box 889, P.O., Dubbo 2830.

HUNTERS HILL MUNICIPAL ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION Particulars from: Secretary Art and Craft Advisory Committee, Box 21, P.O., Hunters Hill 2110.

MOSMAN ART PRIZE Particulars from: Town Clerk, Council of the Municipality of Mosman, Box 211, P.O., Spit Junction 2088.

MUSWELLBROOK ART PRIZE AND Particulars from: Town Clerk, Box 122, P.O., Muswellbrook 2333.

NEW SOUTH WALES TRAVELLING ART SCHOLARSHIP Particulars from: Secretary, Travelling Art Scholarship Committee, Box 2626, G.P.O., Sydney 2001 and Art Gallery of New South Wales.

PORTIA GEACH PORTRAIT PRIZE Particulars from: Trustees, Portia Geach Memorial Prize Committee, C/o Permanent Trustee Co. Ltd, 25 O'Connell Street, Sydney 2000.

ROBERT LE GAY BRERETON PRIZE Drawing studies by an art student. Particulars from: Art Gallery of New South Wales, Art Gallery Road, Sydney

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES ART PRIZE AND TRAVELLING ART **SCHOLARSHIP** Particulars from: University of New South Wales, Anzac Parade, Kensington

Victoria

MORNINGTON PENINSULA ARTS CENTRE PRINT PRIZE Particulars from: Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre, 4 Vancouver Street, Mornington 3931.

Western Australia

PARMELIA PORTRAIT PRIZE Particulars from: Hotel Parmelia, Mill Street, Perth 6000.

Prizewinners

Queensland

GOLD COAST CITY ART PRIZE 1981 Works by Davida Allen, Suzanne Archer, Robert Boynes, Kevin Hegarty, Richard Larter, Mal Leckie, Mandy Martin, Diana Mogensen, Alan Oldfield, William Robinson, Bernard Slawik, Jenny Watson and Ross Woodrow were purchased upon the advice of Alan McCulloch and Nancy Underhill.

New South Wales

BLAKE PRIZE FOR RELIGIOUS ART 1981 Winner: David Voigt

DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL ART **AWARD 1981** Winners: Best work: Alan McKenzie, John Perkins — equal; modern, any media: Kevin Oxley; traditional, oil or related media: John Perkins; watercolour: Alan McKenzie; graphics: Rod Armstrong; D.M.A.S.: Frederick Wailes

GRUNER PRIZE Judges: Trustees of the Art Gallery of New South Wales Winner: Michael Swanson

LANE COVE ART AWARD 1981 Winners: 1st: Ilma Searle; 2nd: George Largent; 3rd: Murdo Morrison; Purchase by Lane Cove Art Society for presentation to Council: Pat Rowley; Lane Cove Art Society Prize: Suzanne Archer



Martin Sharp, Ken Hall, Humphrey McQueen, Dymphna Cusack, Ian Wicks, Robyn Archer, Moss Cass, Jean-Paul Bell, John Forbes, James McQueen, Declan Affley, Warren Fahey, Geoff Kelso, George Finey, Stan Ostoja-Kotkowski . . .

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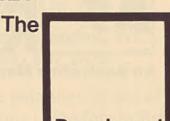
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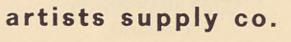
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MACQUARIE TOWNS ACQUISITIVE
ART EXHIBITION 1981
Works by the following artists were
purchased upon the advice of Ron Hogan
and Clem Millward: Open: Elisabeth
Cummings, Jacqueline Dabron, Doris
Grech, Peter Laverty; watercolour:
Norma Gibson, Peter Pinson; print or
drawing: Dawn Bailey, Dorothy
Freeman, Barry Gazzard, Sharon
Gorman; Sheila McLeod.

NEW SOUTH WALES TRAVELLING ART SCHOLARSHIP 1981 Judges: Earle Backen, Rosalie Gascoigne, Robin Norling Winner: Bronwyn Oliver

ROBERT LE GAY BRERETON MEMORIAL PRIZE 1981 Winners: Diane McCarthy, John Webb — equal

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 1981

Winners: Sir Zelman Cowen Award for non-residential buildings: Daryl Jackson, for the Canberra School of Art; Robin Boyd Award for residential buildings: Glenn Murcutt, for two houses at Mt Irvine, Blue Mountains, N.S.W.

TOOHEYS 'PAINT A PUB' ART COMPETITION 1981

Judges: Cedric Flower, James Riley Winners: Grand Prize: Brian (Wooly) Woolstone; Pubs in the Landscape: Colleen M. Parker; People in Pubs: Helene Grove; best watercolour: George Largent

UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W. ART PRIZE AND TRAVELLING ART SCHOLARSHIP 1981 Judges: James Gleeson, Elwyn Lynn, Ken Reinhard

Winners: Art Prize: Peter Wild; Travelling Scholarship: Margaret Morgan The Argyle Cut, Sydney, watercolour, 24 × 33, \$3,000 BUNNY, Rupert: Bathers, 63 × 53,

\$5,500; Boats moared at the Quay,

16 × 27, \$2,600, both oil CONDER, Charles: A summer's night, watercolour and bodycolour, 26 × 35, \$6,000; Lady with a feathered hat, pencil, 22 × 17, \$550; The ballet, lithograph on

silk, 25 × 33, \$900 FULLWOOD, A. H.: Cley, Norfolk, watercolour and bodycolour, 18 × 32, \$1,700 GLOVER, John: A view of the Lake District by Ullswater, 28 × 34, \$3,000; View in the Lake District, 40 × 56,

\$2,100, both watercolour GRUNER, Elioth: Hampstead, oil, 26 × 34, \$6,500; The garden, etching, artist's proof, 27 × 16, \$300

HEYSEN, Sir Hans: Flinders Ranges, watercolour, 34 × 50, \$7,500 HOYTE, J. C.: Earnslaw on Lake Wakatipu, New Zealand, watercolour,

35 × 69, \$6,000 JACKSON, James R.: Sydney Harbour, oil, 28 × 63, \$2,800

LAMBERT, George W.: The blue hat, oil, 181 × 181, \$67,000

LINDSAY, Sir Lionel: Venice canal scene, watercolour, 30 × 20, \$700 LINDSAY, Norman: Good and evil. oil.

LINDSAY, Norman: Good and evil, oil, 79 × 56, \$5,000

LONG, Sydney: The winding road, watercolour, 33 × 24, \$2,800 LYCETT, Joseph: View from the top of Mount Nelson with Hobart Town in the distance, Van Diemens Land, coloured aquatint engraving, 23 × 32, \$350 PROUT, J. Skinner: Mosman's Bay, Sydney, watercolour, 45 × 67, \$3,600 STEPHENS, Ethel A.: Still life: The kindly fruits of the earth, oil, 72 × 90, \$1,400 THORNTON, Wallace: The bathers, oil,

30 × 38, \$550 TUCKER, Albert: Ibis in a swamp, oil, 45 × 60, \$3,800

WAINEWRIGHT, T. G.: Portrait of a gentleman, watercolour, 14 × 9, \$2,000 WAKELIN, Roland: Bush shed, oil, 30 × 39, \$700

WITHERS, Walter: Cottage at Eltham, oil, 24 × 44, \$20,000

Victoria

CONTEMPORARY ART SOCIETY PRIZE 1981

Judge: Bernard Smith Winners: C.A.S. Prize: Ian Hance; Art Papers Australia Award: Alex Thatcher

Art Auctions

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ASHTON, Julian Rossi: Sydney Harbour from Bellevue Hill, oil, 8 × 34, \$8,000;

Geoff K. Gray Pty Limited 6 October 1981, Sydney

BELLETTE, Jean: Study for a classical subject, crayon and wash, 44 × 60, \$750 BENNETT, Rubery: A Burragorang byway, oil, 24 × 29, \$3,750 CAMPBELL, Robert: Kirribilli Point from Kurraba, oil, 49 × 59, \$1,000 DAWS, Lawrence: Three wise men, gouache and pencil, \$360 DOBELL, Sir William: Trees in landscape, oil, 17×19 , \$2,000 DRYSDALE, Sir Russell: Study for Old Larsen, charcoal, 36 × 23, \$2,500 HEYSEN, Sir Hans: The farm house, oil, $49 \times 77, \$12,500$ LAMBERT, George W.: A well, out back, oil, 13×22 , \$8,500



LINDSAY, Norman: The dancer, oil, 88×68 , \$125,000; The carnival, watercolour, 53 × 59, \$19,000; Self Portrait, etching, 35×30 , \$5,000 LINDSAY, Percy: Railway, oil, $26 \times 23, \$1,000$ McCUBBIN, Frederick: Wintry sea, oil, $25 \times 35, \$9,000$ ORBAN, Desiderius: View from the farm, oil, 58 × 76, \$2,000 PRESTON, Margaret: Peonies, coloured linocut, 37 × 35, \$1,200 SHERMAN, Albert: Still life, oil, 63×71 , SOLOMON, Lance: Blue river, Burragorang Valley, oil, 26×34 , \$1,700 TURNER, James A: Repairs, oil, 24 × 39, YOUNG, W. Blamire: The furnace, watercolour, 11 × 14, \$550

Leonard Joel 4 - 7 November 1981, Melbourne ANNOIS, Len: Mixed bunch, watercolour, 65 × 50, \$650 ASHTON, Julian Howard: Springtime, oil, 39 × 24, \$5,250 ASHTON, Sir Will: On the Seine, oil, 97 × 135, \$23,000 BALE, Alice M. E.: Self Portrait, 45 × 35, \$1,100; Peeling quinces, 111×90 , \$5,000, both oil BLACK, Dorrit: The gully, watercolour, $38 \times 45, 275 BOYD, Arthur: Wimmera landscape, tempera and oil, 92 × 122, \$9,500 BOYD, Penleigh: Sydney Harbour, oil, 24 × 64, \$11,500 BUNNY, Rupert: Still life, oil, 26 × 34, BUVELOT, Louis: The country house, oil, $19 \times 27, \$8,000$ CAMPBELL, Robert: Manly Beach, New South Wales, oil, 18 × 37, \$2,200 CHRISTMAS, E. W.: On the Murray River, oil, 82 × 136, \$9,500 COUNIHAN, Noel: Three negroes in Sydney, oil, 60 × 44, \$2,200 CUMBRAE-STEWART, Janet, A.: Standing nude, pastel, 54×36 , \$5,500 CURTIS, James W.: The breakaway, oil, $41 \times 65, \$8,500$ DOBELL, Sir William: French landscape with farm, oil, 26 × 34, \$12,000 DUNLOP, Brian: Seated girl, oil, 57 × 44, \$1,200 FAIRWEATHER, Ian: The Harbour, mixed media, 17×21 , \$2,200 FIZELLE, Rah: The Paglia from Orvieto, Watercolour, 32 × 42, \$450 FOX, Ethel Carrick: Figures on the beach, oil, 34 × 34, \$3,000 FRATER, William: The quarry, Alphington: Along the Coast (on reverse), oil, 47 × 58, \$800 FRATER, William: Farmhouse, oil, $26 \times 33, 900 FRIEND, Donald: The playmate, ink and wash, 57 × 80, \$1,000

GILL, Naylor: The Otway Ranges looking

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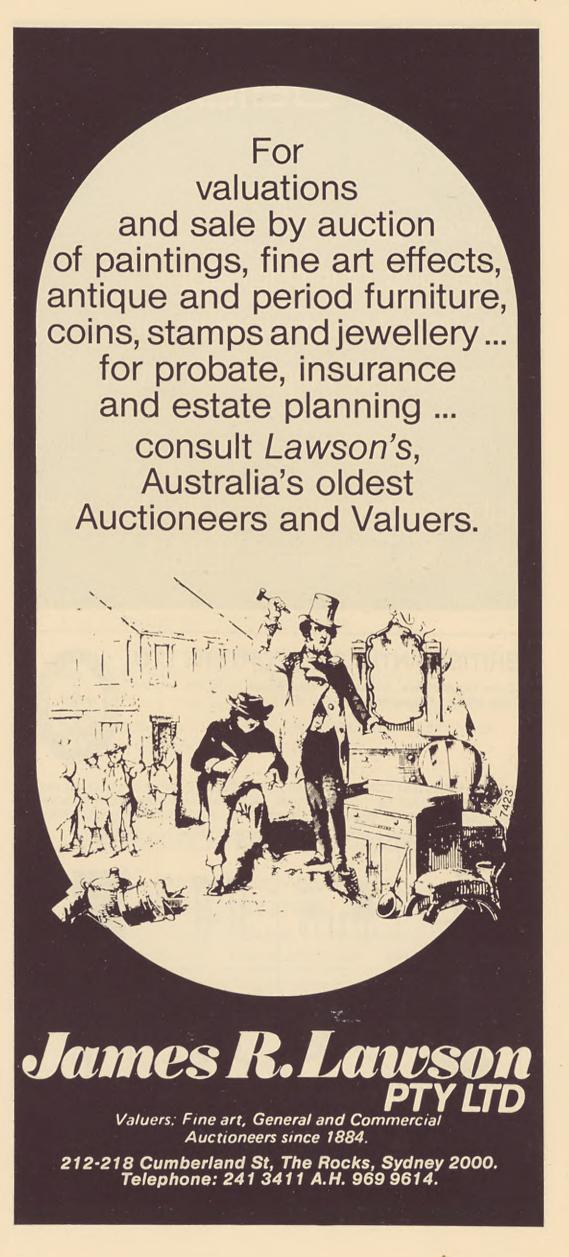
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Art Gallery of New South Wales

BOOTH, Peter: Painting 1981, 1981, oil CHAHINE, Edgar: The woman wrestler, 1902, colour etching HENSON, Bill: Untitled sequence (European crowds), 1979, suite of 32 silver gelatin photographs KAUFFMAN, John: Fantasy, (c. 1920s-30s), green carbon print KLINGER, Max: 3 plates from Opus X, Eine Liebe, 1887, etchings and engravings; 3 bookplates, etchings LAMBERT, George W.: Holiday in Essex, 1910, oil (Purchased with assistance from the Art Gallery Society of New South Wales)

MacKAY, Jan: In memory of Victoria Street, Kings Cross, 1975, screenprint (Gift of the artist)

MAKIN, Jeffrey: Hillside with red trees near Hanging Rock, 1981, oil (Gift of Mrs Elisa Clarke)

MARINA ABRAMOVIC/ULAY: Gold found by the artists, 1981, 35 Cibachrome photographs

SALKAUSKAS, Henry: Untitled, 1970, watercolour and synthetic polymer paint (Gift of the Estate of the artist)
STUART, Guy: Prototype II, 1966, crayon and charcoal: Married couple waiting to return home, 1980, sanguine crayon TAYLOR, Peter: Figure without triumph, 1981, sculpture, wood and bronze VARVARESSOS, Vicki: Allure: What is it?, Who's got it? 1978, synthetic polymer paint

National Gallery of Victoria

AUSTRALIAN: The J. & J. Altmann Collection of Australian Silver, Part 3, 15 items)

ALMA-TADEMA, Sir Lawrence: Armchair, (1884-87), cedar, ebony, ivory, shell

BALSON, Ralph: Constructive painting, 1948, oil

CROWLEY, Grace: Portrait, (c. 1939); Abstract Painting, 1952, both oil EDWARDS, William: Casket, silver, emu egg, 1868

FAIRWEATHER, Ian: Hallelujah, 1959, polyvinyl acetate

HEPWORTH, Barbara: Eidos, stone, 1947 PHOTOGRAPHY: Micky Allan: 36 photographs; Gisele Freund: 6 photographs; William Gibb: 7 multiple photographs; J. W. Lindt: 12 photographs (Gift of Mrs Valerie Judges); Albert Reinger-Patsch: 5 photographs; Richard Woldendorp: 21 aerial colour photographs

SMITH, Grace Cossington: Boys drawing (c. 1926-27), oil

THAI: Roof finial, Sukhothai period, 14th-15th century; Roof fixture in the form of a mythical dragon, Sukhothai period, 14th-15th century, both glazed stoneware

Art Gallery of South Australia

CROWLEY, Grace: Mirmande (1928); Abstract painting (1953), both oil DEXTER, William, Lady's pet, (1855), oil FRANCIS, Ivor: Antifacist, To the river, Upper Torrens, Walkerville; Camouflage; Searchlights, all (1942), oil GILL, S. T.: Flinders Range, near Mt Brown, (c. 1846), watercolour JOYNER, Frederick: 76 photographs, (1893 - 1930) LANCELEY, Colin: The green football player playing the field, (1962), oil MARTIN, Mandy: Pink shed IV, (1980), synthetic polymer paint ROONEY, Robert: Canine capers No. IV, (1969), synthetic polymer paint UPTON, John: Portrait of George Hamilton (c. 1880), oil VALAMANESH, Hossein: Pyramid with light — inside, pyramid with light — Outside, (1981), mixed media

McINTYRE, Arthur: Head Study, synthetic polymer paint, 50×75 , \$400 (Holdsworth, Sydney) MARINI, Marino: Giocoliere e Cavallo, 1969, etching and drypoint, 35×29 , 40/65, Pl. 5, Marino Marini Gravures, \$750 (Stadia Graphics, Sydney) MARTENS, Conrad: Darling Downs, watercolour, 17 × 22, \$5,000 (Beth Mayne, Sydney) ORBAN, Desiderius: Bowl of fruit, 62 × 47, \$4,600 (Masterpiece Fine Art, PRESTON, Margaret: Holyhocks, woodcut, 30 × 30, \$1,500 (Beth Mayne, Sydney) PROUD, Geoffrey: Still life with teacup and orchids, mixed media, 92 × 122, \$1,650 (Robin Gibson, Sydney) RIGBY, John: Yamba, oil, 105 × 120, \$3,500 (Verlie Just Town, Brisbane) SILVER, Judy: Untitled, collage, 21 × 17, \$350 (Huntly, Canberra) SMITH, Mervyn: The giant sunflower, watercolour, \$1,500 (Hahndorf Academy, Adelaide) SNAPE, Michael: House scape, oiled steel,

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