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THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2018, 6.30 — 9.00PM
ELEVEN40 STUDIO GALLERY, MALVERN
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AN EXHIBITION AND AUCTION OF EXCEPTIONAL FINE PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES FROM LEADING CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS

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THE FINE ART AND SCULPTURES OFFERED FOR SALE IN THIS CATALOGUE PRESENT A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE OUTSTANDING WORKS BY SOME OF AUSTRALIA’S MOST CELEBRATED CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS, FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY WITH:

NO BUYER’S PREMIUM PAYABLE AND NO GALLERY COMMISSION BEING CHARGED. THE REPRESENTATIVE GALLERIES FOR THE ARTISTS HAVE GENEROUSLY AGREED TO WAIVE THEIR COMMISSION ON THE SALE OF THESE WORKS.

ABSENTEE BIDS REQUIRE BID SHEET TO BE COMPLETED IN ADVANCE. DELIVERY FEE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
In 1960, following the completion of his studies in Sydney at the Julian Ashton Art School and the National Art School, Michael Johnson departed for London, where he spent the following seven years. During this time he painted full time, working periodically as a studio assistant to the British sculptors Brian Wall and Anthony Caro. In 1967, he returned to Sydney, where he held his first two solo exhibitions, thus marking the beginning of a long and outstanding career.

Michael Johnson’s work is marked by a metaphysical orchestration of colour and a musculature of presence. His paintings (and occasional works in three dimensions) are romantic in essence; in their application, they are raw and intuitive, deeply connected to his intense and complex relationships with nature, natural process and mood. This is most tangibly so in his works of the past decade, where ruptured, sinewed application of base, primary colour performs an opera of gestures and painterly manoeuvres.

Michael Johnson has exhibited widely both nationally and internationally, and was included in the seminal exhibitions, ‘The Field’, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, and Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney (1968); the UNESCO Biennale, France (1968); the São Paulo Bienal, Brazil (1969); and The Australian Biennale, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney (1988).

Among Johnson’s awards and commissions are works for the Sydney Conference Centre and the State Bank of New South Wales, Sydney. He is represented in all major Australian state and regional collections, New Zealand’s Chartwell Collection, and in numerous significant corporate and private collections in Australia and overseas. Beagle Press published a substantial monograph on Michael Johnson’s work in 2004.

1. **DIAGONAL PLAY**, 2012 – 13
OIL ON CANVAS
183 × 152 CM
PRICE ESTIMATE $35,000 — 40,000
Julian Meagher is a 39 year old Sydney-based artist. He is represented by Olsen Gallery, Sydney and Edwina Corlette Gallery, Brisbane.

Meagher’s oil paintings have a unique watercolour effect. His interest in the concept of both personal and inherited history, including links to our national identity, is evident in much of Meagher’s subject matter.

He is a multiple Archibald Prize finalist with portraits of actor John Waters and musician Daniel Johns and was also a finalist in the Wynne Prize in 2015. He has been finalist multiple times in the Doug Moran Portrait Prize, Salon des Refuses, Metro Art Prize, Blake Prize for Religious Art, RBS Emerging Artist Prize and a finalist in the Gold Award at Rockhampton Art Gallery.


2. **WAPENGO #2, 2018**

OIL ON LINEN
153 × 122 CM

PRICE ESTIMATE $9,000 – 12,000

REPRESENTED BY: OLSEN GALLERY AND EDWINA CORLETTE GALLERY
Jonny Niesche is a post-minimalist artist who explores the expanded field of painting and abstraction by reformulating our understanding of the effects of light and colour on the human senses. Sharing similar concerns with Light and Space artists of postwar Europe who incorporated movement and light into the expanded possibilities of painting (such as sensory phenomena, translucence, and ambience), Niesche experiments with the effects of interactivity, involving the viewer spatially and physically in the act of looking. Niesche has traced his interest in the phenomena of perception to his childhood experience of visiting department-store cosmetic counters with his mother, where boredom mingled with fascination as he gazed at the colour range of eyeshadow palettes and the infinite reflections of the store’s mirrored architecture.

Favouring the openness, clarity and seduction of post painterly abstraction, Niesche’s works combine the traditions of sculpture, digital printing and installation to recast our understanding of the effects of surface, color and architectural space. Through the use of translucent custom-dyed fabrics and mirror he examines the surfaces we call skin, fabric, canvas, wall and screen. But painting for Niesche is a challenge to our appreciation of these surface encounters and an open invitation to define new spaces for the viewer to be enveloped. An embodied spatial and physical dynamic is established between seer and seen, object and spectator, that is part of an ongoing reappraisal of the possibilities of painting, and of our perceptual relation to it.

Jonny Niesche completed his MFA at Sydney College of the Arts (2013) under Mikala Dwyer, and under Heimo Zobernig at Academy Fine Arts in Vienna.

Niesche is represented by Station Gallery, Melbourne; Sarah Cottier Gallery, Sydney; Zeller Van Almsick, and Lundgren Gallery in Palme de Mallorca, Spain.
Brook Andrew is an interdisciplinary artist who examines dominant narratives, often relating to colonialism and modernist histories. Through museum and archival interventions, he aims to offer alternate versions of forgotten histories; illustrating different means for interpreting history in the world today.

Most recently Brook presented *Ahy-kon-uh-klas-tik*, an interrogation of the Van Abbemuseum archives in Holland. In 2017, he also created an intervention into the collection of the Musée d’ethnographie de Genève, Switzerland; and *The Right to Offend is Sacred* opened at the National Gallery of Victoria, a 25-year reflection on his practice. In 2018 he will present *What’s Left Behind*, a new commission for *SUPERPOSITION: Art of Equilibrium and Engagement* at the 21st Biennale of Sydney.

Brook Andrew is represented by Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne; Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney; and Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris and Brussels.

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4. **POSSSESSED IV, 2015**

*Silver Gelatin Print, Carbonised Frame*

**Edition 3/5**

*131 × 156 cm*

**Price Estimate $8,000 – 10,000**

Represented by Tolarno Galleries, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery and Galerie Nathalie Obadia and Tolarno Galleries
Laura Jones is an artist from Sydney, well known for her contemporary still life paintings. Previously a florist, her work grew from a desire to express a love for nature — the process of painting beginning with the physical act of arranging flowers. In the current context of global climate change, this practice gradually evolved into a passionate effort to impress this love for the environment onto her audience.

Her most recent work engaged with climate change impacts on coral and the mass coral bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef. After research residencies at the Australian Museum Lizard Island Research Station and the University of Queensland Heron Island Research Station, Laura brought a difficult conversation to light through an exhibition “Bleached” at Olsen Gallery in May 2017.

Laura has a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) from the University of Sydney, and a Master of Art from the College of Fine Arts University of New South Wales.

Laura is represented by Sophie Gannon Gallery, Melbourne and Olsen Gallery, Sydney. She is currently working towards her inaugural solo exhibition with Sophie Gannon Gallery in August 2018.

5. **MIDNIGHT BANKSIA**, 2018

*OIL ON LINEN

122 × 102 CM

*PRICE ESTIMATE $6,000 – 8,000

*REPRESENTED BY SOPHIE GANNON GALLERY AND OLSEN GALLERY*
Andrew Taylor was born in Melbourne in 1967 and holds a Bachelor of Fine Art from The Victorian College of the Arts.

Andrew’s work has been exhibited in a large number of solo and group exhibitions, and collections are held at the National Gallery of Victoria and Artbank.

Taylor has said he “likes to make something slow about something as fast as a moment”. His images capture glimpses of nature - a tree silhouetted against a foggy evening sky, a pile of fallen leaves, a filigree of branches.

“If you slow down the process and the thought until a specific moment, a specific decision lingers in a layer and you capture that capture, you can make things of presence that hold the present.” — Andrew Taylor 2016

“His nature is not frozen by an orthodox classicism; it flickers on the peripheries of abstraction - the forest edges where nothing seemingly happens but the shadows bristle with small incidents.” — Annmarie Kiely, Vogue Living, March 2016 Interview with the artist.
Gregory Hodge constructs illusionary abstractions from a mélange of source material including painted abstract motifs on drafting film, coloured paper and masking tape, before rendering these collages in paint. Using complex and systematic technical processes such as trompe-l’œil, cast shadows and manipulating paints’ translucent and opaque qualities, the paintings playfully mimic the physical fragility and provisional nature of the source material. This visual trickery within the abstract picture space presents the viewer with multiple visual experiences. Surface and materiality become imaginative entry points yielding potential clues as traces of the process are tacitly signalled via the shadows and illusion of collage. Hodge’s work exudes a sense of the material presence of painting via a concern with light, colour and surface, while calling to mind the perceptual associations of vision via the illusionistic picture space. The paintings blur the boundaries between two and three dimensionality and playfully explore the space between image and reality, representation and abstraction.

Hodge has participated in numerous group and solo exhibitions within Australia. Recent solo exhibitions include Spectator and the Pit, Sullivan+Strumpf, Singapore (2017); Paintings, Bus Projects, Melbourne (2016); Collages, Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney (2015); and A Fabled Gesture, Canberra Contemporary Artspace (2015). He also participated in the exhibition Tricking the eye—contemporary trompe l’œil, Geelong Gallery, Victoria (2016); Fine Arts March Mostra, British School at Rome, Italy (2015); Mind the Gap, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney (2014); Clean Living, Contemporary Art Space, Tasmania (2012); and Word of Mouth, Canberra Museum and Gallery (2012). Hodge was a finalist at the 2013 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, Sydney, as well as the Blake Prize, Galleries UNSW, COFA Sydney (2013). He has also participated in art fairs such as Art Stage Singapore (2017) and Art Stage Jakarta (2016).
Matthew Johnson is an artist who is renowned for his use of colour and painterly abstraction. His works are well represented by collections both nationally and internationally. As an artist he has travelled extensively throughout the world both living and working in many countries and undertaking artist residencies programs throughout his career.

His language of colour and abstract form has lead Johnson to interdisciplinary collaborations with award winning architects and designers.

Johnson’s philosophy towards his architectural projects is to bring a sense of originality and clarity to the built environment whether it is in the public or private sector. His translation of colour into the built form engages and enlivens the viewer to an informed environment that reflects the human condition.

Johnson views his artistic approach to built structures as sculptural entities that remain embedded within the fabric of the building plane.

His most recent undertaking is to create and design a colour palette for the external facade for the icon building at 2 St Kilda Rd. It is his intention and rationale that the colour be reflective of the natural environment of St Kilda and that the artwork facade will become a visual metaphor to the celebration of this unique location.

8. EFFUSSIO SRATUM III, 2018
(INDICATIVE IMAGE ONLY)
OIL ON LINEN
184 × 240 CM
PRICE ESTIMATE $15,000 – 20,000
REPRESENTED BY OLSEN GALLERY, SYDNEY AND BLOCK PROJECTS, MELBOURNE
Daniel Boyd is a Sydney-based artist who descends from the Kudjla/Gangalu peoples of Far North Queensland and of North Pentecost Island in Vanuatu. His practice interrogates Eurocentric perspectives of Australia’s colonial past, reinterpreting artistic and archival material in order to question romanticised notions that dominate historical vernacular.

Boyd’s unique pointillist technique, in which he blackens much of the canvas and creates a constellation of painted ‘lenses’ to form a cohesive image, references the Gestalt school of psychology’s Law of Closure, ie. our ability to fill in the gaps between a myriad of obscured cues. His work acknowledges the multitude of collective, cultural and personal memories at the core of historical imagery, and seeks to create a context for a diaspora of meaning to exist.

Daniel Boyd holds a BA from the Australian National University Art School in Canberra.

Recent exhibitions include Daniel Boyd: Bitter Sweet, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns; Not Niwe, Not Nieuw, Not Neu, 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art, Sydney; Spring 1883 Art Fair, w STATION, Sydney; Mondialité, Villa Empain, The Boghossian Foundation, curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist & Asad Raza, Brussels, BE; Defying Empire: National Indigenous Art Triennial, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; I build my language with rocks, STATION, Melbourne; Painting. More Painting, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne; All the World’s Futures, 56th International Exhibition of la Biennale di Venezia, curated by Okwui Enwezor, Venice, IT.
Born in Santiago Chile in 1953, Eduardo Guelfenbein is a Chilean artist based in Paris. Guelfenbein graduated from the Accademia delle Belle Arti, Brera, Milan, Italy.

Eduardo Guelfenbein’s aesthetic is inspired by his nomadic lifestyle and sensibilities. After travelling through Italy and Lake Varese, the artist settled in Paris where he paints his thick, expressive and colourful pieces enriched with the energy of South American. Loyal to the abstract genre, Eduardo Guelfenbein displays an overflowing zeal with his fluid lines and swirls filled with intense, yet controlled, energy. Through his soulful expression of liquid abstractions, the thick acrylic textured canvases of Guelfenbein reveal a process of discovery of infinite patterns and never-ending forms that much resemble a cosmic creation. Guelfenbein aims to create interesting acrylic texture, where light refracts strongly, with contrasting carved gestural strokes, and mostly, a full colour palette. Potentially, the liquid transformations and twisting patterns are infinite. The hills and valleys morphed by the thickness of the paint, much like a cosmic creation, generate different feelings and never-ending forms. Dominated by a commanding presence of bold strokes and riveting colour tones, Guelfenbein’s work is an energetic blend of both pictorial and sculptural properties. In fiery tones of red, orange and blue, Guelfenbein’s works evoke a sense of power and trepidation shrouded in the vitality of thickly applied colour strokes.

Guelfenbein has held numerous successful exhibitions around the world from Europe, America, Asia and Australia with a personal show in 1997 at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Santiago, Chile.
The circumstances of Stewart’s paintings depict a modern human predicament: the pressure of commercial life. Affairs are packed into a day, giving no time to think or contemplate, or play. A restaurant becomes a place to catch up on correspondence, a café is now an institution where business is carried out. The subjects of his work toil quietly, fulfilling a task which must be completed. They wait for a meeting. They pay a bill. Home is far away. A building must be locked. A cleaner begins his work, and always the built environment, the desk, the stairs, the corners, the lifts and the fluoro lights. Drawing has been a central part of his art from the beginning. Stewart will often begin his works in pencil and graduate into oil. Attending art school and raised in the commercial studio system, he has been working under and with craftsmen all his creative life. His influences have been the Russian painters of the early twentieth century and international artists of that time. Stewart’s development has been through the study of the works of the European Moderns, and Rodchenko, Malevich, Tatlin, Kandinski, Bacon and Hopper.

Robin Stewart has exhibited paintings in solo and group shows around Australia since 2009. He has also exhibited as a finalist at the Royal Academy Summer Show in the UK. He was a finalist in the 2016 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize. He has exhibited solo at Eastgate & Holst Melbourne, (sellouts) and an introductory group show at Mossgreen in Melbourne, Victoria.
Rosella Namok first appeared on the contemporary art scene in the late 1990s as one of the more prominent members of the newly established Far North Queensland’s renowned Lockhart River ‘Art Gang’. A small and remote community, Lockhart River is located eight hundred kilometres north of Cairns on the Eastern Cape York Peninsula. Growing up, she experienced traditional life — camping, fishing, gathering berries — within and around the Lockhart River, Claudie River, Quintell Beach, Chilli Beach, Great Barrier Reef, and the Iron Range (Kutini-Payamu) National Park.

More recently, Namok has been living and working in Cairns as well as completing private and corporate commissions in Brisbane studios. Her paintings continue to reflect both traditional stories and contemporary themes associated with cultural, social and environmental concerns. Through a technique developed by watching her grandmother drawing in the sand, Namok creates her signature finger-patterned linear arrangements by pulling her fingers through the paint.

Namok’s works are currently held in private and public collections both nationally and internationally including National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Cairns Regional Gallery, University of Queensland Art Museum, Queensland University of Technology Art Museum, International Education Services (IES), The Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA and Columbus State University, Georgia, USA.
Alex Seton is a Sydney-based artist best known for his use of marble carving. Throughout his practice he has used the techniques and languages of classical statuary and monument, playing with, inverting and exaggerating them to create works that reflect on the contemporary world. Recent work has used this lens to engage directly with contemporary political issues, such as Australia’s treatment of asylum seekers, and questions of conflict and nationhood.

In 2015, Seton was awarded a Grand Jury prize at the Fondation François Schneider ‘Contemporary Talents’ competition. He was the Inaugural Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence, Margaret Olley Art Centre, Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, in 2014 and in 2012 participated in the prestigious Art OMI residency program in New York. In 2014 his work *Someone died trying to have a life like mine* was included in the Adelaide Biennial.

In 2017, his work *Refuge* was included in the Kochi-Muziris Biennale (India) following his solo exhibition *The Journey* at Galerie Paris Beijing (France). He has had numerous solo exhibitions, including Newcastle Art Gallery; McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery; Linden Centre for Contemporary Art; Australian War Memorial; Tweed Regional Gallery; and Hazelhurst Regional Gallery.

**ALEX SETON**

**13. BENTWOOD HYBRIDS, 2016**

ANTIQUE VIENNESE THONÉT BENTWOOD AND BIANCA CARRARA

94 × 41 × 50 CM EACH

PRICE ESTIMATE $16,000 – 18,000

REPRESENTED BY SULLIVAN+STRUMPF
Alan has come from a career in advertising and design. He graduated from Maidstone College of Art (UK) with Honours in Graphic Design in 1970. His career as an art director saw him work in England and Australia. In 1989 he established Response Design, a multi-disciplined design consultancy. He was creative director shaping the visual direction of many national and international brands. In 2004 he followed a lifetime passion with the visual arts and started to paint and sculpt full time.

Alan Annells concentrates on a visual comment on our urban landscape, focusing on iconic buildings, landmarks from Melbourne and around the world. His style is realistic using theatrical minimalist content and bold graphic imagery.

Alan has exhibited works in many well know contemporary art exhibitions, and was a finalist in the ANL Awards in 2015 and has collections across Australia and the UK.
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