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olive cotton award

for photographic portraiture



Tweed River Art Gallery

14 August - 27 September 2009



Olive, 1943
Jean McInerney (nee Lorraine)
fibre based print mounted on card

The Olive Cotton Award has been held annually since 2005 offering a \$10,000 acquisitive award, for excellence in photographic portraiture, funded by Cotton's family in memory this leading twentieth century Australian photographer.

The Friends of the Tweed River Art Gallery sponsor additional Director's Choice acquisitive awards to the value of \$2,000. All acquired works become part of the Tweed River Art Gallery's "Australian Portrait Collection". The Friends will also award a \$250 prize to the People's Choice Award winner as voted by exhibition visitors.

The exhibition of finalists has been selected by 2009 Award judge Dean Sewell from over 300 entrants across Australia and is a significant opportunity for both emerging and established photographers.

This is the final year the award will be held on an annual basis. The Award will next be held in 2011 as a biennial award offering a \$20,000 major prize.



What is a portrait?

A simple question, most would agree. Others might argue that to ask such a question would amount to little more than to base naivety. But as the genre of portraiture evolves, along with photography itself, it is a question we must continually revisit and - more importantly - scrutinise.

Do the answers lie in the orthodoxy of late 19th century studio portraiture? Is it true that the 'eyes are the gateway to the soul'? Or is this just another romantic cliché penned by the scribe that has conditioned us to demand the attention of the subject's gaze? Can we simply deduce our conclusion from the considered observation of the mundane sum of ritual that pervades our lives?

However, regardless of one's philosophical underpinnings or ideological position on what constitutes a portrait, one conclusion that we will all, almost certainly, agree upon, is that when we have withdrawn our observation from the subject matter presented, we have departed, and are left with a profound sense of enlightenment.

Dean Sewell

*Freelance photographer
Sydney
2009 Award Judge*



list of works

Leigh Agius

Lives and works in Northern NSW
Self reflection 2009
digital print

Ben Ali Ong

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Black Sun (the art of dying) #19
2009
type C print
Courtesy of United Galleries, Sydney and Perth

Fiona Estelle Blandford

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
In the animal kingdom the male species is often the most colourful
2009
type C print

Minka Rose Bleakley

Lives and works in Byron Bay NSW
Where the Wild Things Are 2009
digital print

Philippa Bolton

Lives and works in Marrickville NSW
Megan - acrobatic artist on the corrugations of suburbia 2009
digital print

Anthony Browell

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Lauris Elms in the Eucalypts, Australian contralto, photographed in Newington Nature Reserve
2009
digital print from scan of 10" x 8"
contact print from pinhole camera

Tallulah Brown

Lives and works in Clovelly NSW
Ava in the Tarkine 2009
type C print

Adrian Brown

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
6_14_32sec 2008
type C print

Julius Chan

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Early mornings 2009
silver gelatin print

Michael Corridore

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Jarna, with exzema clearing 2008
digital print

Athene Currie

Lives and works in Queensland
Brothers 2008
digital print from negative

Sean Davey

Lives and works in Cairns QLD
Kempsey, NSW (Therese in motel room) 2008
analogue type C print

Marina Dearnley

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Self portrait 2009
giclée print on fibre gloss cotton rag

Kelly-Ann Denton

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Hellfire - crown of thorns 2008
digital print

Damian Dillon

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
TV eye (self portrait, Rose City Motor Inn) 2009
Lambda print
Courtesy of Arterreal Gallery / Conny Dietzschold
Multiple Box

Karen Donnelly

Lives and works in Albury NSW
Pheonix 2009
digital print

Barbara Doran

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Exhalation 2009
Lambda print

Stephen Dupont

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
The Bad Seeds 2009
silver gelatin print



David Knight



Sonia Payes



Phil Roubin



Tobias Titz



Hannah Rose Robinson

FacingAustralia Project

Tony Nott, Raimond deWeerd, Karen Donnelly

Albury NSW

The Face of Brewarrina 2009
digital print

George Fetting

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Master Louis 2009
Lambda print

Petronella Fielding

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Dual Identity 2008
digital print

Duncan FitzGerald

Lives and works in Murwillumbah NSW

David "Baddy" Treloar 2009
type C print

Renato Grome

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Metamorphic Matt - Blue 2009
archival pigment on 100% cotton rag
Courtesy of Liparje Puntin Arte Contemporanea,
Roma, Italy

Sahlan Hayes

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Boomerang boy 2008
digital print

Sandra Heuston

Lives and works in Rosebank NSW

Dissociation 2009
digital print

Michael Hill

Lives and works in Kingscliff NSW

A long night 2008
type C print

Adam Hollingworth

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

The Last Supper, My Father's Death
2009
digital print

Yenny Huber

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Room No. 11 2009
type C print

Nic Ingram

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Phil Taylor - Council candidate for Tweed 2008
digital print

Anna Jacobson

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

Self-portrait - Beyond the Old Museum Cupboard 2008
giclée print on photo rag

Ken Johnson

Lives and works in Brooklet NSW

Along for the ride 2008
digital print

Quentin Jones

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Old man and the sea 2009
Lambda print

Cameron Jung

Lives and works in Broadbeach QLD

Intermission 2008
digital print

Sandy Kelly

Lives and works in Toowoomba QLD

Old friends 2008
digital print

David Kelly

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

Lynette 2009
digital print

Ingvar Kenne

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Camilla, Bowral, 2008 2009
type C digital print

Justine Kitson

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

For Everything is and is not 2009
digital print

Philip Klauzner

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Dan 2009
digital print

David Knight

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Nicholas Forster 2009
digital print

Thom Kotis

Lives and works in Paddington QLD

Laura 2008
silver gelatin print

Sylvie Laisney

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Eye love 2009
digital print

Einaiv Leshetz

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Time passed 2009
pigment print

Kimberley Liddle

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

The silence of... 2009
digital print

Kezia Littlemore

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

First home 2009
type C print

Vincent Long

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

The red balloon 2009
digital print

Rob Maccoll

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

The Shooter, Afghanistan 2008 2008
digital print

Paula Mahoney

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

My Father 2008
type C print

Liza Mattiazzi

Lives and works in Toowoomba QLD

Untitled 2009
digital print

Naomi Mawson

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

Mr Pink takes a bride 2008
digital print

John McRae

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

An urban delusion 2009
pigment inkjet print on cotton rag paper

Viv Méhes

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Lost in the Bush
Anial has been an asylum seeker
for 10 years 2008
archival inkjet print on cotton rag paper

Brad Miller

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Surrealismé 2009
digital print on Moab Lasal Lustre

Kevin Adrian Miller

Lives and works in Canberra ACT

The Inheritance 2009
inkjet pigment print on rag

Jennifer Mitchell

Lives and works in Victoria

Jack 2008
pigment inkjet print

Jacqueline Mitelman

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Olivia 2009
Lambda print

Michelle Newton

Lives and works in Kununurra WA

Kathleen, bush holiday 2008
Lambda print

Matthew Newton

Lives and works in Hobart TAS

Moonbird boy 2009
digital print

Joanna Nixon

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Untitled 2009
type C print

Elizabeth O'Donnell

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Sandra 2008
giclée print

Richard O'Farrell

Lives and works in Country NSW

Savitri 2008
silver gelatin print

Elin Paulsson

Lives and works in Manly NSW

Ewa 2009
inkjet print on fine art paper

Sonia Payes

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Untitled (Phil) 2008
type C print
Courtesy of Charles Nodrum Gallery, Victoria

Julian Phillips

Lives and works in Bangalow NSW

Vicky gets over it! 2008
archival digital print

Joseph Pignone

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

The Shopkeeper 2008
inkjet print on fine art paper

Ian Pool

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

'Phantomas'
Lead actress Ana Marina from
current Australian production of
Phantom of the Opera 2009
digital print

Emily Portmann

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

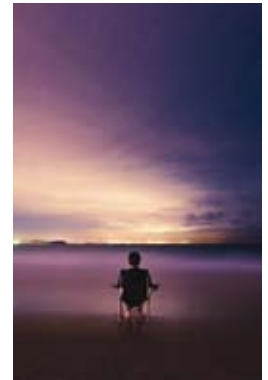
Mirror, from the series Play-Terrain
2008-2009
Lambda print



Sharyn Woods



Darman Dillon (detail)



Cameron Jung



Elin Paulsson



Joanne Williams (detail)



Philippa Bolton (detail)



Karen Donnelly (detail)



Quentin Jones (detail)



Jacqueline Mithraim

Zorica Purlija

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Sandy Edwards 2008
digital print on fine art paper

Jodie Ranger

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Untitled 2009
type C print on metallic paper

Hannah Rose Robinson

Lives and works in Newcastle NSW
Thirty five thousand seven hundred and seventy days 2009
digital print

Stuart Rose

Lives and works in Gosford NSW
Bush Poet 2008
digital inkjet print

Phil Roubin

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Suburban Princess 2009
type C print

Alberto Sanchez-Peinador

Lives and works in Byron Bay NSW
Frank 2009
digital print

Harrison Saragossi

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Eleanor's birthday 2008
digital print

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Eleanor's birthday 2008
digital print

Krystal Seigerman

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Ebony and Lucy with their pet rabbits 2009
archival inkjet print

Russell Shakespeare

Lives and works in Currumbin Valley QLD
Ramji Sonkar 2008
digital print

Lisa Sharpe

Lives and works in Bangalow NSW
Role model 2009
digital print

Laki Sideris

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
The Baptism of Anthony 2009
Lambda print

Roger Skinner

Lives and works in Muswellbrook NSW
Moving to infinity (all the room in the world) 2009
digital output print

John Slaytor

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Sibling rage, Botany Bay 2008
digital print

Peter Solness

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Portrait of Robert McFarlane 2008
2008
giclée print

Nicholas Spiropoulos

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
The man is a horse of course 2009
Lambda print

Heidi Sterling

Lives and works in Lower Beechmont QLD
Amoureux 2009
digital print

Tristan Still

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Boys will be boys 2009
giclée print

Robert Stow

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Ethelanne Gundy 2009
digital print

Niobe Syme

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Between Glen and Miss 3D 2009
pigment print on archival cotton rag

David Symons

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Lilli at 10 2009
pigment ink print

Hamish Ta-mé

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Musings on the nature of movement 2009
type C print mounted on flexible Mylar

Mark Tedeschi

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Kiss by the Hotel de Ville 2009 2009
digital print
Courtesy of Josef Lebovic Gallery, Sydney

Marcus Thomson

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Meat is murder 2008
type C print

Tobias Titz

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Paul 2009
type C print

Michelle Tran

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
46 2009
inkjet print

Grant Turner

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Suburban bliss 2008
inkjet pigment print on rag

David Watson

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Visiting Family in Perth 2008
pure pigment print on archival art paper
on aluminium composite panel

Eve Wicks

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Mamytè 2009
giclée print on photorag

Jamie Williams

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Meg and Janet 2009
digital print

Scott Williams

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Mystic Waters 1 2009
giclée print between acrylic

Amy Lou Williamson

Lives and works in Vaucluse NSW
Sometimes, you're not so funny 2008
digital print

Purdie Wood

Lives and works in Rosebank NSW
La Virgin y La Serpiente 2009
digital print
Courtesy of Gallerysmith

Sharyn Woods

Lives and works in South Golden Beach NSW
Lorraine 2009
digital print

Sasha Ruth Woolley

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Brother Joseph, Pilgrim Series 2008
Lambda print

Anna Zhu

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Ah Na and Yah Yah 2008
Lambda print



Einar Lashetz (detail)



Rob Maccoll



Nic Ingram (detail)



Paula Mahoney



Jennifer Mitchell (detail)



Fiona Blandford



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John McRae

John Slaytor

Renato Grome

Back cover image:

Barbara Doran

Previous Winners

Emily Portmann 2008 Judge Rex Dupain

George Fetting 2007 Judge Richard Moore

Siri Hayes 2006 Judge Dr Gene Sherman

Ella Dreyfus 2005 Judge Sally McInerney

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