



2011

olive cotton award
for photographic portraiture



Tweed River Art Gallery
3 June – 31 July 2011

In praise of printing photographs and viewing them in public: the 2011 Olive Cotton Award

'What's in a name?' might have been the question of the century in the 1500s but today it seems the question is, 'What's in a face?'¹ From posed studio portraits through to candid street photography, the Olive Cotton Award breathes new life into the enquiry - can we sense the essence of a person from their photographic image?

The plethora of digital images and the ease with which they are circulated around the globe might deter artists from the seemingly archaic and laborious task of making and exhibiting a portrait but, as this exhibition attests, the art of photographic portraiture is alive and well.

It is amazing that in spite of our knowledge that the correlation between the inner and outer world of a person is not necessarily accurate, we still seek and trust the reading of a face, so basic is this human need.

Let us celebrate the shared viewing space of the public gallery and the challenges and pleasures it offers audiences and artists. Let us revel in the pleasures of looking at photographs with friends and strangers in a shared gallery setting as opposed to the furtive viewing of images in isolation on one's computer or smart phone. Let us celebrate the printed image in which the artist may have agonised over the material qualities of paper and mount, format, frame and size - let alone the issues of engagement with the subject, composition, colour and light. Let us focus afresh on the question, 'What's in a face?'

Naomi Cass
May 2011

1. With apologies to William Shakespeare: *Romeo and Juliet* (II, ii, 1-2)

List of works

Warwick Baker

Melbourne VIC
Tobi, Closeburn Qld 2011 2011
type C print
Courtesy of Lindberg Galleries, Vic

Sarah Barker

Sydney NSW
Sometimes they become paintings (portrait of Mikala Dwyer) 2009
digital print

Dane Beesley

Brisbane QLD
Untitled (Girl) 2011
type C print on archival photo rag

Dean Beletich

Islington NSW
Francois 2010
silver gelatin print

Brett Boardman

Sydney NSW
Martha, 12 2011
Lambda print

Chuck Bradley

Scotland Island NSW
Island girl 2010
whole plate black glass ambrotype

Ross Bray

Eureka NSW
They call me Bull 2011
chlorobromide silver gelatin print with selenium toning

Chris Budgeon

Elsternwick VIC
Ant 2010
pigment ink print

Ross Calia

Melbourne VIC
Girls crossing 2011
type C print

Alex Chomicz

Mermaid Beach QLD
Ian tells me how to take a photo 2010
Lambda Metallic print
Courtesy of Arterreal, Sydney

Nigel Clements

Melbourne VIC
In the foyer she waits 2010
digital print
Courtesy of Boscia Galleries, Vic

Mary Costello

Sydney NSW
Mary 2010
digital print

Jennifer Coverdale

Tweed Heads NSW
The time frame 2011
type C print

Lucas Davidson

Sydney NSW
Slowly we unfold 2011
archival print on photo rag
Courtesy of Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney

Agnieszka Davis

Toowong QLD
I close my eyes and I open my soul - portrait of Sophia Aurora Caposecco 2010
type C print

Jeff Dawson

Byron Bay NSW
I used to be somebody 2010
type C print

Tamara Dean

Sydney NSW
Damien Skipper 2011
pure pigment print on archival cotton rag
Courtesy of James Makin Gallery, Melbourne and Charles Hewitt Gallery, Sydney



Agnieszka Davis



Louise Whelan



Sam Harris



Nigel Clements



Prudence Murphy



Susan Dirgham
Melbourne VIC
Fouad 2011
Lambda print



Melanie Faith Dove
Melbourne VIC
Living back home 2011
type C print

Ella Dreyfus
Sydney NSW
Inga Hunter, artist 2011
Chromogenic print



Stephen Dupont
Austinmer NSW
Boy of war 2009
type C giclee digital print

Vittoria Dussoni
Sydney NSW
Pietro and his mother 2010
silver gelatin print



Justin Ealand
Murwillumbah NSW
Portrait of a self funded retiree - Nick Hall. From the series 'A little bit of something you know is true' 2011
giclee print on archival paper

Samantha Everton
Melbourne VIC
Illusion 2011
Pigment ink on Canson rag
Courtesy of Anthea Polson Art, Gold Coast



Dawne Fahey
Sydney NSW
Life is Nada 2011
cyanotype with gum wash

George Fetting
Leichhardt NSW
Cultures for the ages 2010
Lambda print

Petronella Fielding
Sydney NSW
In the race 2010
giclee print

Su Garfinkle
Sydney NSW
Smoko 2009
digital pigment ink print on fine art paper

Donna Gibbons
Canberra ACT
Peter and Bobbie (Rushforth) 2011
digital print

Sally Gibson
Melbourne VIC
James Kidd 4th 2009
digital print on Fuji Crystal Archive Type
80 gloss paper

Teagan Glenane
Melbourne VIC
Avram - reflection on the Yiddish 2011
digital print

Judy Goggin
Berridale NSW
Dreaded innocence 2011
giclee print on watercolour paper

Dean Golja
Bowral NSW
Newpin father - Chris 2011
archival inkjet print

Lee Grant
Canberra ACT
Angharad 2011
digital pigment ink print

Gavin Luke Green
Melbourne VIC
Ex-servicemen visiting the Botanic Gardens, Canberra 2010
type C print

Janina Green
Melbourne VIC
Sid Cross, artist, Thornbury 2011 2011
handtinted silver gelatin print
Courtesy of M.33, Victoria

Kim Guthrie
Cooroy QLD
Shane 2011
giclee print

Rhett Hammerton
Mildura VIC
Seranna 2010
digital print

Sam Harris
Balingup WA
Uma draws on steamy window, before supper 2009
digital print on cotton rag paper

Naomi Herzog
Melbourne VIC
Mahli Pengilly 2011
pigment ink on cotton rag

Sandra Heuston
Rosebank NSW
Self 2011
digital print on fine art paper

David Hickson
South Golden Beach
Grant Parke - sculptor 2010
digital giclee print

Robyn Hills
Caloundra QLD
Married to Arthur 2011
type C print

Tambri Housen
South Golden Beach NSW
Portrait of a nation: Timor-Leste 2011
digital print on fine art paper

Aileen Hubbard
Rockhampton Qld
My yard 2010
digital print on archival paper

Rod Hunt
Sydney NSW
Mick Mazza 2011
digital print

Serana Hunt
Shepparton VIC
Victoria reading 2010
type C print

Diego Ibanez
Brisbane QLD
Young couple outside Metro Theatre 2009
silver gelatin print from B&W negative

David Kelly
Brisbane QLD
Pu Xian Xian and Yu Hui 2011
digital print

Ingvar Kenne
Sydney NSW
Hanna and Reda 2011
type C print



Katie Mitchell



George Feiting



Jennifer Coverdale



Dean Goffa



Anita Moudik



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Sandra Heuston



Wikt Peilhertridige (detail)



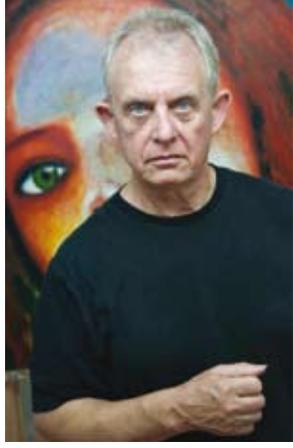
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Ross Calla



Peter Roberts



David Kelly



Kim Galthrie



Rob Maccoll



Su Garfinkle



Fiona Wolf



Ingar Keme



John Van-Der-Broeke



**Peter King**

Billinudgel NSW

Gary Lush, the water plant man 2011
digital print on german etching paper**Nicola Kinloch**

Melbourne VIC

Sisters, Blair Street Coburg 2010 2010
Lambda print**David Knight**

Sydney NSW

Clemency #0197 2010
Lambda print**Garth Knight**

Sydney NSW

David (from Enchanted Forest) 2011
archival inkjet print
Courtesy of Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney**Kezia Littlemore**

Sydney NSW

Catherine and Woodrow, 2011 2011
type C print**Vincent Long**

Melbourne VIC

Dave in front of his grandfather's house, where he lives now 2011
Lambda print**Rob Maccoll**

Brisbane QLD

Theo 2011
digital print**Paula Mahoney**

Collingwood VIC

Dillon 2011
Chromira print**Olivia Martin-McGuire**

Sydney NSW

Rosalind's daughter Kristin 2011
archival print**Shannon McDonald**

Kingsville VIC

Natalie 2011
digital print**Cheryl McMaster**

Burleigh Heads QLD

Siblings 2010
digital print**Rod McNicol**

Melbourne VIC

Portrait of Phillip Motherwell: actor, writer, playwright, scholar, addict and friend 2011
archival pigment print
Courtesy of Place Gallery, Melbourne**John McRae**

Sydney NSW

Portrait of Mr and Mrs Maynard 2010
pigment inkjet print on cotton rag**Len Metcalf**

Sydney NSW

Chris Wheeler - polyamorous circus performer 2011
pigment print on cotton rag**Katie Mitchell**

Brisbane QLD

Blood portrait (Grandad) 2009
digital print from scanned capture of artist's blood on hessian**Jacqueline Mitelman**

Melbourne VIC

Artist Emma de Clario from the 'Love' series 2010
inkjet print**Matisse Mitelman**

Melbourne VIC

Angie Hart 2011
inkjet print**Anita Modok**

Sydney NSW

La Judy chiaroscuro nella camera 2010
Lambda print**Prudence Murphy**

Sydney NSW

Elsa 2011
archival pigment ink print**Viki Petherbridge**

Fitzroy VIC

Gus (road to nowhere) 2011
B&W photographs printed on hahnemuhle fine art paper**Joseph Pignone**

Sydney NSW

Recycled parents 2009
Lambda print**Izabela Pluta**

Sydney NSW

Macquarie #5 2010
Lambda print
Courtesy of Dianne Tanzer Gallery, Melbourne**Jasmine Poole**

Banksia NSW

She made glass flowers (Mum) 2010
digital print on fine art paper**Bridget Radomski**

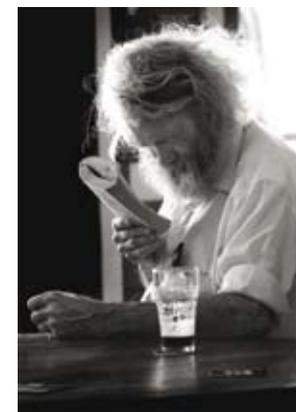
Melbourne VIC

Dre 2010
archival pigment inkjet print**Hedy Ritterman**

Malvern VIC

Rezi (after Betty ... after ... all) 2010
inkjet print**Peter Roberts**

Sunshine Coast QLD

The artist 2010
UltraChrome K3 Inkjet print

Serena Hunt



Marguerite Ryan
Port Macquarie NSW
Olive 2011
digital print on canvas

Grace Stewart



Russell Shakespeare
Currumbin QLD
Michael Zavros 2009
archival digital print on cotton rag

Dean Beletich



Rebecca Shanahan
Darlington NSW
Minor 2010
pigment ink print
Courtesy of Stills Gallery, Sydney

Lisa Sharpe
Bangalow NSW
My Uncle's table 2009
digital print

Laki Sideris
Melbourne VIC
Capsis and Capsis 2010
Lambda print

Cheryl McMaster



Heidi Sterling
Lower Beechmont QLD
The Junction 2010
digital print

Grace Stewart
Brays Creek NSW
Ari, Sid and Rollie 2009
inkjet print

Sarah Barber



Jacqui Stockdale
Northcote VIC
Rory 2010
Lambda print
Courtesy of Helen Gory Galerie, Melbourne

Virginia Szaraz
Sydney NSW
New suit 2011
digital print

Angela Tarlinton
Newcastle NSW
Five 2011
Lambda print

John Tsiavis
Melbourne VIC
Meet the Edelstens 2011
digital print on Fujicolor Crystal Archive
Digital Pearl Paper

Craig Tuffin
Kingscliff NSW
Roy 2011
wet plate collodion ambrotype
on black glass

Sonia Turner
Bungendore NSW
Waiting for Heathcliff 2009
digital print from 35mm B&W film

John Van-Den-Broeke
Kingscliff NSW
The smoking gun 2011
digital print

Alex Vaughan
Coogee NSW
Les and Eileen 2010
digital print

Alan Wain
Uki NSW
After the Mendelssohn (Brendan Joyce of the Camerata of St John's) 2010
digital print

April Ward
Bassendean WA
Delores in transit 2010
giclee print



Jamie Williams



Garth Knight



Aileen Hubbard



Tambri Housen



David Young

John McRae



Petronella Fielding



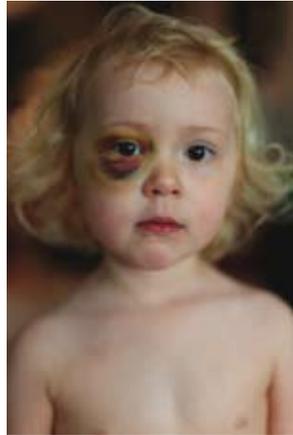
Melanie Faith Dove



Janina Green



Dama Gibbons



Rebecca Shanahan



Judy Gaggin



Mary Costello

Nigel Wesley

Brisbane QLD
Sexy legs 2010
type C print

Louise Whelan

Avalon NSW
The Dalai Lama visits 2009
giclee print

Vikky Wilkes

Canberra ACT
Chihiro, 13 years old 2011
archival pigment ink on Canson Infinity
Rag Photographique

Jamie Williams

Camperdown NSW
Norm on duty, Anzac Rifle Range 2010
digital print

Fiona Wolf

Sydney NSW
Homeless in Hawaii
(2011, GFC in the US) 2011
hand printed from 120mm B&W film

Sharyn Woods

Northern NSW
Lorraine, Romeo and Freddie 2011
digital print

Sasha Ruth Woolley

Sydney NSW
Caroline with child 2011
Lambda print

David Young

Byron Bay NSW
Tom 2011
digital print



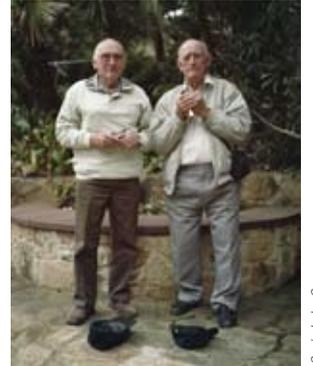
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Stephen Dupont

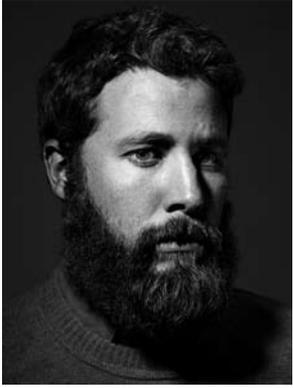


Nigel Wesley



Gavin Luke Green

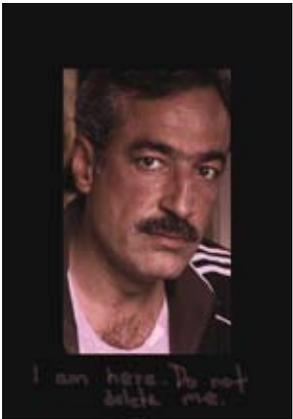
Chris Budgson



Stammon McDonald



Susan Dingham



Robyn Hills



Lee Grant



Tamara Dean



Jasmine Poole



Olive at Spring Forest 1995
Sally McInerney

Tweed River Art Gallery launched the Olive Cotton Award for photographic portraiture in 2005 offering a major acquisitive prize of \$10,000 funded by Olive Cotton's family and dedicated to her memory as one of Australia's leading twentieth century photographers.

The profile of the Award has grown and gained national recognition, attracting entries from well-known and emerging photographers across Australia. Following the 2009 Award the Gallery moved to a biennial award offering a major acquisitive prize of \$20,000 along with \$4,000 for the acquisition of additional portraits for the Gallery's collection funded by the Friends of the Gallery. A people's choice award of \$250, as voted by exhibition visitors, is also announced at the conclusion of the exhibition.

This exhibition of finalists has been selected by Naomi Cass, Director of the Centre for Contemporary Photography in Melbourne from 327 entries. While diverse in subject matter and treatment of portraiture the exhibition also has some interesting congruencies and repeated themes.

The Gallery thanks art dealer Josef Lebovic and photographer Sally McInerney, Olive Cotton's daughter, for their ongoing support of the Award.

To complement the exhibition a digital display of a small selection of postings to the ABC Open internet project *Portrait of a Stranger* are also showing in the Gallery.



Izabella Pluta



Virginia Szaraz



Lucas Davidson



Dawne Fahy (detail)

Russell Shakespeare



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Rod McVicol



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Sharryn Woods

Naomi Herzog Dane Beesley Ella Dreyfus

Brett Boardman

Previous Winners

Richard O'Farrell	2009	Judge Dean Sewell
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

John Tsavis



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