
Media Release

Finding wonder in the wilderness at Object Gallery



Image caption: Tania Rolland, various works, 2008, wheel thrown Southern Ice Porcelain, oxide stain with underglaze drawing and painting

Prominent Australian contemporary artists inspired by the natural environment will be showcased in ***Botanicals***, a unique exhibition experience at Object Gallery, Surry Hills, from 5 April until 15 June 2008.

The fifteen featured artists represent a new generation of practitioners who have explored the abundant source of inspiration within Australia, shedding historical associations of kitsch, and looking beyond the repetitive trend of overseas influence.

Sound-bites, colour and pattern will transform Object Gallery's Project Space into an essentially Australian immersive environment, showcasing some of the country's finest ceramics, textiles, jewellery, glass, and homewares.

Each of the fifteen featured artists is considered a leader in their field, some unveiling new bodies of work, and others exhibiting celebrated iconic designs. These artists include **Sandra Black, Julie Blyfield, Nicola Cerini, Quyen Do, India Flint, Alasdair Gordon, Marian Hosking, Marie Littlewood, Amanda Loudon, Vicki Mason, Julie Paterson, David Neale, Jennifer Robertson, Tania Rolland and Alice Whish.**

All of the works represent a maturity, sophistication and technical prowess and in the process explore the artists' individual cultural identity and the harsh ruggedness of Australia.

In summing up the exhibition, Curator Kylie Johnston said:

'We sometimes shy away from celebrating what is uniquely Australian – perhaps because of associations with boorish kitsch... For me, being Australian does not necessarily equal singing Khe San in a pub at 2am.'

Join us at Object Gallery's Project Space for this uniquely Australian sensory experience.

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