

olive cotton award

for photographic portraiture

Tweed River Art Gallery 7 August - 21 September 2008



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

The Olive Cotton Award is an annual award for excellence in photographic portraiture. The \$10,000 major prize is funded by Cotton's family in memory of one of Australia's leading twentieth century photographers.

The Friends of the Tweed River Art Gallery sponsor additional Director's Choice awards to the value of \$2,000. All awards are acquisitive with the winning works becoming part of the Tweed River Art Gallery's "Australian Portrait Collection".

The exhibition has been selected by Rex Dupain, the 2008 Award judge, from entrants across Australia and is a significant opportunity for both emerging and established photographers.

A photographic portrait award will always bring together a smorgasbord of entries including dramatic psychological statements, kitsch Australian icons, out-there domestic clichés and National Geographic look-alikes.

What all connoisseurs and collectors look for is an image that brands itself with an individual vision: a vision that is not tampered with, coerced, or seduced by another and an individualism that recognises what we already know (or think we know), but in a creative way re-interprets the subject so we see it as if for the first time. The picture astounds us because it challenges our perceptions.

Like reality TV shows which take us into the living rooms of people we may not wish to meet, contemporary photographic portraits can be voyeuristic in allowing us to view them anonymously on the Gallery walls much as we would remain comfortable viewing the TV program from our lounge room. No matter what type of subject we look at there are specific distinctions and concerns in portraits. Some photographers concentrate on facial topography which may be highlighted in terms of sculpture, dimension and tone, while others are clever when it comes to viewpoint and design.

Overly dramatic images often lose the point because drama is about theatre and theatre is about representation of character. Often the simplest and most profound image can come from something mundane. Our lives are riddled with masterpieces that go by unseen. They are there on a daily basis and don't require air tickets, dramatic lighting or technical miracles. The simplest and purest pictures are often the most poignant.

The Olive Cotton Award this year showcases extraordinary contemporary portraits that not only tell us about who we are but maps a national template of our tastes.

Rex Dupain
Art photographer
Sydney
2008 Award Judge

list of works

Sharon Aldrick

Lives and works on the Central Coast NSW

Brad with daughters
 digital print

Effy Alexakis

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Flo and Julie holding portrait of their mother
 digital print

Benjamin Ali Ong

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Black sun (the art of dying)
 pigment print

Malia Baggett

Lives and works in Hobart TAS

The prison of self
 type C print

Elana Bailey

Lives and works in Adelaide SA

Sarah
 digital print

Kate Baker

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Dignity
 silver gelatin print

Anne Bentley

Lives and works in Camperdown NSW

Self portrait in the bathroom with glow in the dark fairy I bought at the MCA shop
 digital print

Stephen Blanch

Lives and works in Evans

Head and works in Lismore NSW
"fugue... ..and then she was gone. Act IV"
 digital print

Fiona Blandford

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Forget me not
 type C print

Terry Bleakley

Lives and works in Newrybar NSW

Miles
 digital print

Terence Bogue

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Ingrid with hat
 pigment inkjet print on cotton rag paper

Philippa Bolton

Lives and works in Marrickville NSW

Dot De Low - Champion... and 97 years young
 digital print

Isaac Brown

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

Zoie in the backyard
 archival inkjet print

Sandi Budd

Lives and works in Banora Point NSW

no flies on me
 digital print

Chris Budgeon

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Chloe
 pigment ink on Museo silver rag paper

Mark Calleja

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

Pete Murray
 digital print

Daniel Campbell

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC

Nick McGee
 Pegasus print

Alex Chomicz

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD

The mysterious Dr Hewson
 Lambda metallic print

Michael Corridore

Lives and works in Sydney NSW

Mitch
 digital print



Peter Wilson



Malia Baggett



Kate Baker



George Felting



Drew Pettifer

Nathan Corum

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Evolution of the Corumscope
type C print

Marina Dearnley

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Paloma
giclee print

Elisabeth Devereux

Lives and works in Fitzroy VIC
Bonnie
digital print

Karen Donnelly

Lives and works in Albury NSW
The girl in purple
type C print

Asasha Douglas

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Girl
silver gelatin print

Anna Ferrett

Lives and works in Southport QLD
Love
digital print on metallic paper

George Fetting

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
John's new flip flops (from the series Backyard)
Lambda type C print

Emilie Fitzsimmons

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Ruby
digital print

Lesley Gail

Lives and works in Chillingham NSW
Amitayus
giclee digital print

Juno Gemes

Lives and works on the Hawkesbury River NSW
Poet Robert Adamson at Parsley Bay 2008
UV ink pigment print on fibre paper
Courtesy of Josef Lebovic Gallery, Sydney

Andrew Gerrand

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Ava and her stuff
type C print

Colin Griffiths

Lives and works in the Northern Rivers NSW
Mrs Esther Griffiths
digital print

Natalie Grono

Lives and works in Wamberal NSW
Tylah's playground
digital print

Wayne Harridge

Lives and works in Ivanhoe VIC
Dad and Prince William
type C print

Bob Harris

Lives and works in Tomewin NSW
What does he know about music?
digital print

Ponch Hawkes

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Waiting for everything
type C print
Courtesy of Chrysalis Gallery, Melbourne

Sahlan Hayes

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
The contender Nader Hamdan, boxer, Kingsgrove NSW 2008
digital print

Benjamin Hosking

Lives and works in Carlton VIC
Fishing in Bass Strait
digital inkjet print

Jessica Hromas

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
John Olsen
digital print

Diego Ibanez

Lives and works in Newtown NSW
Ellie and Molly
digital print

Nic Ingram

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Nola - day 1 caffeine free sugar free diet
type C print

Concettina Inserra and Nat Thomas

Live and work in Melbourne VIC
Portrait of mother and daughter after Mirka (1)
Lambda print

Felicity Jenkins

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Susan Russell and great-granddaughter at the coloured diggers parade, Redfern
digital print

Kylie Jury

Lives and works in Mullumbimby NSW
Marina
type C print

Cassandra Kavanagh

Lives and works in Corrimall NSW
Sea Dreams
digital print

David Kelly

Lives in Yugar and works from Brisbane QLD
Aunty Ursula Doomadgee, Palm Island
digital print

Richard Kendall

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Child worker in India
type C print

Walter Kennard

Lives and works in Bondi NSW
Danjela
digital print

So Youn Kim

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Dry Land
type C print

Philip Klauzner

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Michael
digital print

Mary Lambert

Lives and works in Uki NSW
Sharp Cuts - Nitya
digital print

Roland Lange

Lives and works in Newcastle NSW
Chef takes a break
Lambda print

Einav Leshetz

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Scooter girls (Jerusalem, Israel)
digital pigment print

Stuart L'Estrelle

Lives and works in Murwillumbah NSW
Through my eyes
digital print

Guy Little

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Triathlon
Pegasus print

Maria Lloyd

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Untitled
digital print

Richard Luxton

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Veiled
digital print

Harriet Macarthur

Lives and works in Newtown NSW
I am a vampire
type C print

Andrew Maccoll

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
There is nothing like a Dame (Dame Elisabeth Murdoch)
Flex photographic print

Kathy Mackey

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Self portrait in mirror
digital print
Courtesy of Lorraine Pilgrim, Gold Coast

Justin Mackintosh

Lives and works in Balmain NSW
The unexpected birth
digital print on cotton photo rag

Paula Mahoney

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
On the front porch
digital print

Rebekah Makar

Lives and works in Sale VIC
Quiet contemplation
type C print

Koji Makino

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Untitled
silver gelatin print

Olivia Martin-McGuire

Lives and works in Clovelly NSW
Anna Lise as Clytemnestra
type C print

Belinda Mason

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Crash
digital print

Liza Mattiazzi

Lives and works in Toowoomba QLD
Death of a lover
digital print

Gregory McBean

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
The Hill family
type C print

Melissa McCord

Lives and works in Queensland
Family succession (self portrait with hope)
digital print

Rod McNicol

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Elena, my niece
Lambda print
Courtesy of Place Gallery, Melbourne



Sharon Aldrick



Concettina Inserra & Nat Thomas



Diego Ibanez



Jamie Williams



Gregory McBean



Ponch Hawkes

John McRae

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Mrs Con
 pigment inkjet print on cotton rag

Viv Mehes

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
"I walk to rest my head and my heart" Usama, an asylum seeker for 4 years, he remains anonymous to protect his family. From the Hung Out To Dry series in the exhibition made in australia
 archival inkjet print on cotton rag

Pat Miller

Lives and works on Gold Coast QLD
Promises
 type C print
 Courtesy of Artist, represented by Schubert Contemporary, Gold Coast

Jacqueline Mitelman

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
John Wolseley, artist and explorer
 Lambda print

Phoebe Morley

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Ian and Jock
 digital print

Mark Morris

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
The entertainer
 type C print

Dale Neill

Lives and works in Fremantle WA
Shearer's wife
 pigment based Ultrachrome dyes on archival photo rag

Michelle Newton

Lives and works in Milikapiti, Melville Island NT
Sunday at Timrambu (Nina and Margarita)
 Lambda print

Will Nolan

Lives and works in Adelaide SA
Amy Hicks
 giclee print on German etching paper
 Courtesy of Gallery 139, Adelaide

Elizabeth O'Donnell

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Valentina
 giclee print from negative

Caterina Pacialeo

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Untitled (from the series Group-think)
 Ilfochrome print

Brian Pamphilon

Lives and works in Byron Bay NSW
The old man
 type C print

Sonia Payes

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Kate Rohde
 type C print
 Courtesy of Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne

Drew Pettifer

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Untitled (Ben and Jacob, Jokulsarlon, Iceland)
 type C print

Sam Phelps

Lives and works in Canberra ACT
A boy I met on a mountain top, Iran 2007
 Lambda print edition 1/5

Louis Porter

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
George - JFK Memorial High School
 digital print

Emily Portmann

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
The stone
 Lambda print
 Courtesy of Sullivan + Strumpf Fine Art, Sydney

Ray Richardson

Lives and works in Terranora NSW
When I was a kid
 digital print

Scott Riley

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Ryan
 Lambda print

Sheraden Robins

Lives and works in Murwillumbah NSW
Phoebe
 digital print

Mark Rogers

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Samson
 type C print

Alberto Sanchez-Peinador

Lives and works in Byron Bay NSW
Bunny Man (aka Ben Frost)
 digital inkjet print on archival Lasal lustre paper

Harrison Saragossi

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Yet another Saturday night
 digital print from negative

Karl Schwerdtfeger

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Pottso
 digital print

Samuel Scoufos

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Bert Miles - 25th Battalion
 silver gelatin print

Krystal Seigerman

Lives and works in Richmond VIC
Robyn, Broken Hill
 type C print

Dean Sewell

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
James
 archival inkjet print
 Courtesy of Oculi

Russell Shakespeare

Lives and works in Currumbin QLD
Tim Winton, writer
 digital print

Lisa Sharpe

Lives and works in Bangalow NSW
Splash of colour
 digital print

Laki Sideris

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Mia and Caitlin
 Lambda print

Mark Tedeschi

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Anzac Day 2008
 digital print
 Courtesy of Josef Lebovic Gallery, Sydney

Ross Thompson

Lives and works in Bellingen NSW
TV - 1, Buddha - 0
 giclee print

Carole Tilney

Lives and works in Gleneagle QLD
Rhondda, Mrs Woodhill 2006
 digital type C print using pigment inks on silver rag paper

Ian Tremewen

Lives and works in Northern NSW
"Boys own": two brothers and the red biplane
 type C print

Gemma-Rose Turnbull

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Nella in a box (Motherhood)
 digital print

John Van-Den-Broeke

Lives and works in Kingscliff NSW
Doggedly devoted
 digital Flex print

Kim Vernon

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
We will remember them
 digital print

Linda Wachtel

Lives and works in Melbourne VIC
Reconstructed (after breast cancer)
 digital print

Perri Wain

Lives and works in Uki NSW
Ali and the flame
 Epson digital print

Jamie Williams

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Coralie
 digital print

Annette Willis

Lives and works in Marrickville NSW
Mark
 silver gelatin print

Peter Wilson

Lives and works in Brisbane QLD
Inner confrontation
 type C print

Sasha Ruth Woolley

Lives and works in Sydney NSW
Little brother
 Lambda print



Andrew Maccoll



Ross Thompson



Mark Calleja



Jacqueline Mitelman



Philip Kraunzer

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Phoebe Morley

Previous Winners
Ella Dreyfus 2005 Judge Sally McInerney
Siri Hayes 2006 Judge Dr Gene Sherman
George Fetting 2007 Judge Richard Moore

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