

S.H. Ervin Gallery

Upcoming Exhibitions

SURFACE TENSION: the art of Euan Macleod (1991-2008)

S.H. Ervin Gallery 12 November – 19 December 2010

you're not looking at beautiful paint, you're looking at matter – physicality'
(Euan Macleod)

By Leah Haynes

For our end of year exhibition, S.H. Ervin Gallery presents the first major travelling survey on the work of Euan Macleod, one of the foremost painters working in Australia and New Zealand today. The central drama of Macleod's paintings concerns the human figure and its relationship with the landscape.

Drawn to extreme environments, Macleod has spent many years exploring regions to observe the land and light with an almost inexhaustible fascination. From the volcanic landforms of his home land in New Zealand, to rugged coastlines and the desert regions of Australia and, more recently, the icescapes and oceans of Antarctica, Macleod's frequent *en plein air* study trips have provided a source of imagery that informs the artist's studio-based paintings, much of which have grown ambitious in scale over the years.

The handling of the paint is as important to Macleod as the subject matter. His feverish use of oil paint, building layers, attacking the surface, have become signature to his work. This survey exhibition, organised by Tweed River Art Gallery and curated by Gavin Wilson, presents an insight into the way the artist works and thinks, and traces Macleod's process and evolution on canvas. By combining the natural environment with the human form, Macleod offers a deep and profound understanding of the metaphor of the figure in the landscape.

Please view the national trust website for exhibition events including a masterclass with Euan Macleod and an artist lunch with Macleod and journalist, Richard Morecroft.



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Tuesday-Sunday, 11am-5pm (last admissions 4.30pm)

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