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# INTRODUCTION: A THICKET OF DISAPPROVAL

The Sublime Imperative has been conceived in order to assert the significance of a number of Australian artists within a context which has not yet been clearly articulated within Australian art history: that of the spiritual and sublime.

The artists included in this investigation are Marianne Baillieu, Peter Booth, Paul Boston, Brent Harris, Roger Kemp and Ross Moore.

These artists are not self-identified as a group and their work has not been seen before under a single umbrella. Their selection is to exemplify the purpose of the exhibition which is to posit the existence of an "invisible" spiritual presence in Australian painting, a presence that must, by its nature, fall outside both established religious notions and the accepted context of Australian art – particularly in the postmodernist climate. At issue in this exhibition is the fact that modernism remains the framework within which these artists work in the *post*- modern context.

European influenced Australian art has been traditionally preoccupied with several issues: an elongation of European romantic landscape notions, chauvinistic narratives and various appropriated modernisms (chiefly noteworthy for their internationalism). Yet in the midst of this there has always been a number of artists who have created primarily out of a spiritual impulse that cannot be anchored to standard or accepted modes, precisely because such an impulse is a deliberate attempt to confront and absorb notions or experiences of the ineffable—the very realm of experience that promises an integration, in being beyond the mundane.

This particular selection of artists is not intended as prescriptive or exhaustive. It has been chosen however

to point to the seriousness and depth of investigation into the sublime by dedicated art practitioners, who must negotiate a plethora of 'isms' in order to arrive at something that is felt by them anyway, as being profoundly universal.<sup>1</sup>

Such endeavours, whether by the critic or the artist, are forced to contend with a prevailing materialist/ fundamentalist ethos that argues for the dismantling of notions of the spiritual and sublime under a sophisticated critiquing that views such seeking after intangibles as reactionary backsliding. Important issues are at stake here, not just for our views of art, but for our apprehension of (variously) validated contemporary cultures. The deconstruction of the "spiritual" and "sublime" in postmodern terms has bequeathed a problem to the artist who pursues the quest for individual revelation. The very terms of the investigation are constantly challenged.

# NOSTALGIA OR REVOLUTION: A THEORETICAL VIEW

Current art practitioners negotiate a world where the certainties of modernism are no longer. Although still dominant modernism is dead. <sup>2</sup> The very notion of 'the artist' itself is questioned and authorship denied. The world of art then belongs to the receiver. The inevitable corollory of this state of being is a retreat and denial of not just the pursuit of the harmonious, the spiritual and sublime, but a (sometimes) dogmatic repudiation of these very categories. Current orthodoxy does not allow for the pursuit of the transcendental, other than as parody, appropriation or pastiche.

Because of this, the prevailing critical challenge is to acknowledge the current debate while appraising a distinct artistic impulse that predates any strictly postmodernist critique.

Kemp's cosmological "maps" can be seen as an attempt to translate a mystical apprehension of the universe into scientific principles, while at the same time he refused to surrender an allegiance to notions of beauty and grace. Indeed art, for Kemp, had an important redemptive function.

Mondrian had written:

The truly modern artist is aware of abstraction in an emotion of beauty; he is conscious of the fact that the emotion of beauty is cosmic, universal. This conscious recognition has for its corollary an abstract plasticism, for man adheres only to what is universal. <sup>9</sup>

For Kemp the significant fact of art was its ability to assert a reality beyond the temporal, his whole *oeuvre* is dedicated to the investigation of this belief. It is a profoundly spiritual attitude, not in an orthodox Christian sense, but spiritual nonetheless. (He was in fact for a time very interested in Theosophy, but finally found it too restrictive). His spiritualism owes more to a kind of pantheistic, cosmological impulse that was very idiosyncratic and difficult to comprehend, finding clearest expression in the complexity and creative process of the work itself.

In 1978 Kemp spoke revealingly to Geoffrey De Groen about his paintings. In reply to a question about the function of the black paint he replied:

Sometimes I work just on the colour, but there are times when it doesn't mean a damn thing to me until I put it in a framework. I've identified myself with that black line. The black line is a complete form. <sup>10</sup>

He says later in the same interview:

I have to look around and take in as much material as I can, and make myself as uncomfortable as possible. That's my nature. That's what I have to do. If I don't do that, well what do I do? I want to have something to look beyond – all the time. <sup>11</sup>

This is the quest before the infinite – the sublime quest in fact – to struggle over the pain and difficulty in facing the ineffable.

In a sense Kemp's reputation as an abstractionist is misleading. He was unwilling to let go of his struggle with form and never departed from his search for a universal yardstick based on the proportions of the human figure. He was a spiritual artist who sought expression of the sublime through his work but the solutions for him were not simple: he formulated a theorem that suggested and restricted at the same time, but it is within this struggle that the energy and power of his work resides.

# MARIANNE BAILLIEU: THE ROAD TO EXCESS

In the work of Marianne Baillieu there is seen an impulse that reflects the religious passion found in Roger Kemp's work. However, while Kemp's painting is characterised by the search for overall harmony and order, Baillieu's art resists the temptation to attempt composure and repudiates the notion of system or arrangement. Instead it posits the freedom of the intuitive flow and evokes the harnessing of greater energies.

Her art violates restrictive notions of good taste and restraint, and celebrates the release of the spontaneous moment. The paint is sometimes almost thrown onto the canvas, then smeared by the fingers and moved around like clay. The results are sometimes breathtakingly emotional, indeed lyrical. Such a method involves a high degree of risk-taking.

In Baillieu's art order itself is questioned. The void and the gap are sought through a religious experiencing of the work that is both tactile and highly spiritual, haptic and unrestrained.

Baillieu is deeply committed to the religious experience, to penetrating beyond the surface of things, not in seeking "doorways" or an entrance point, but through the dissolution of structures, the denial of the banal. It is here that the sublime is sought. A flux is created, setting up a condition for the ecstatic transcendent experience. In this regard her painting mode is deeply faithful and trusting of the exigencies of the passionate experience, the Dionysiac rite.

It is for these reasons that she is mistrustful of the intellect, which demands an hierarchic stacking and ordering, a (sometimes) numbing orthodoxy. This perhaps is the supreme Romantic conceit – the belief that an artist can achieve the divine by an act of sheer creative will. Baillieu's art exemplifies Blake's notion that:

Recently Jean Francois Lyotard, the French theorist and author of two important articles on the sublime,<sup>3</sup> posited his notion of it, claiming for it regenerative powers which will remedy the current malaise of mediocrity as he sees it. He laments: "In our technoscientific industrial world there are no consistent symbols for good, just, true, infinite, etc". His hope is that the sublime will provide a focus for such conceptual yearnings and he attempts to locate the notion of it within the postmodernist framework and to position it so that it compromises neither his ideological allegiances nor the sublime itself.

The governing principle of the postindustrial technoscientific world is not the need to represent the representable, but rather the opposite principle. To turn away from this principle—that infinity is inherent in the very dialect of search—is absurd, impractical, and reactionary ... the spirit of the times is surely not that of the merely pleasant—its mission remains that of the imminent sublime, that of alluding to the non-demonstrable. <sup>5</sup>

#### He also claims that:

the sublime is not linked to rules that can be determined through poetics; the sublime requires only that the speaker or listener have conceptual range, taste, and the ability "to sense what the whole world senses first." <sup>6</sup>

Lyotard here resorts to mystification, i.e. his notion of the "non-demonstrable". In so doing, he creates a problem that pivots on "demonstrable" and "non-demonstrable" as dialectically opposed categories. His task is a difficult one, demanding a kind of suspension of disbelief as he wrests the transcendental from the materialistic and the plausible. He ends by asserting a kind of religious zeal where the sublime transforms the world and the artist is exalted as a potential saviour.

Such an approach is prone to accusations of elitism and to be attacked as nothing more than quasi-romantic indulgence. As a consequence Lyotard's own social critique, although schooled in the Revolutions of 1968, appears less than socially radical. It could be successfully argued, as Meaghan Morris has done<sup>7</sup>, that his mystifications and transcendental yearnings only lead

him to the path of reaction not rebellion. Consumer capitalism can easily absorb the spiritual at least, with barely a ripple.

However, it is at this very point that we can assert value in Lyotard's theory, through the necessity of opposing the sheer velocity of consumerist appropriation (that rampant devouring of all forms of cultural meanings so that we end up with an equivilancy – a tyranny of sameness). It is perhaps still possible to resist the accompanying annihilation of the individual response to the very process of history. It is this that Lyotard hopes for – that the notion of the sublime remains potent in the midst of the supporters of the new order because it denies the very restrictions of it.

## ROGER KEMP: THE LIMIT OF SUBLIMITY

Roger Kemp's art is an intensely spiritual one, based on a mix of ideas gleaned from orthodox and alternative religions, but integrated into a unique, some might say, eccentric, apprehension.

Kemp achieved something like real success late in life. He sold paintings and had the pleasure of seeing his work shown at the National and State galleries, in retrospectives that asserted his pre-eminent position as Australia's grand old man of abstraction. As well, the Victorian Tapestry Workshop, ever the champion of notable artists, commissioned him to design a major triptych for the Great Hall at the National Gallery of Victoria in the last few years before his death.

It was Patrick McCaughey though who was the first to place Kemp's work within the tradition of the pioneer abstractionists, Kandinsky and Malevitch. These were Kemp's progenitors and remained sources of inspiration for him for the whole of his life.

It is not difficult to understand why these particular artists were important to Kemp, since both pursued work that promulgated the crucial spiritual dimension in their abstract work, and Kandinsky anyway asserted the significance of the subjective emotional truth. His was not an abstraction removed from the world but one that celebrated it, in the sense that his work was an attempt to mirror spiritual and emotional experience – something that Roger Kemp emulated.

"The Road of Excess leads to the Palace of Wisdom."

Her art also overlaps with the Zen calligraphic tradition, where one is exhorted to first create a moment of exquisite mental poise then to paint without self-conscious interference, thereby expressing what in her view is the untainted essence.

In this regard her work is difficult to place or date in terms of evolution, both personally (as an internal system) and in the wider art context because it flies against history as an imperative. It seeks instead to merge totally with being and hence must always be current. Of course her work can be "placed" in a tradition of expressionism that reflects the work of artists like Jackson Pollock and others, yet in its painterly abandon it asserts its own terms.

Issues of life and death dominate Baillieu's work and are expressed in gestural passages, moments of becoming and destruction, and embodied in trajectories that are rites of passage to experiential pathways. In her obsession with polarities she shares Boston's bid for a state of balance, yet this is expressed as a goal that is alluded to rather than directly painted.

The astonishing candour of her work is immediate. It does not expect to know how to be judged. Its implicit claim is that it is dealing with experience beyond judgment (or censorship). This locates another powerful Romantic dilemma. The very localisation of interest in creative amorphous chaos is itself a kind of censorship and control on a massive scale. The apparent gestural freedom in her work is itself a conscious and sophisticated constriction, in the sense that it is the result of a purposeful method. Perhaps this expresses something of the paradox of experience itself: the humdrum, the banal demands change. Order desired on the one hand is order destroyed on the other.

# PETER BOOTH: DOORWAYS TO THE SUBLIME

In the so-called "Doorway" paintings of the early 'seventies Peter Booth shares an interest with Rothko in evoking dark portals to an unknown, whose power resided in a capacity to consume the viewer. Like Rothko, he is engaged in an ambivalent quest for self realisation via the extinction of self. It is this that has coaxed many

critics away from a recognition of Booth's preoccupation with metaphysics and the possibility of the sublime. His spirituality is manifested negatively as it were: our transcendental prospects are identified only when thrown into relief. We discover who we are in discovering who we are not. We view ourselves in the dark mirror of the shadow self. We are faced with the choice of entering a signless nihilism (a death of values and history as we know it in which the sweep of experience is rendered as nothing) or to remain spectators with our fragile, and hence more palpably felt mortality intact. In choosing not to enter we become only more conscious that death and mortality await us. It is interesting to compare the emotional impact of these paintings with those of Harris who is also dealing with repudiation of subject matter as the means of making a statement. There is a kind of confronting brutalism in Booth's paintings, even at this early stage, which is not evidenced in the work of Brent Harris whose interests revolve around issues of quotational delicacy, refinement and grace.

In another regard these early paintings by Booth are themselves commentaries on the history of Western art – a dark cleansing of the palette as it were – a denial of 'isms' – 'Australianism', 'Realism' and so on. In the Australian context these paintings were extraordinarily radical, denying at once the figurative/mythic tradition on the one hand and the then current interest in Greenbergian flatness on the other.

In *Painting* (1970) the image is less confrontational, almost benign. The painting's invitation to approach is not couched in the same absolutist terms, for here we are shown impermeable, imposing edifices, reminiscent of blocks or buildings in which the references to industrialisation are inescapable. But the imposing order suggested is not without a human passion. One is left with a sense of profound order, an almost regal poise. Yet the blocks remain impenetrable and monolithic, intense in their directness. Spiritual outlook is forever obstructed by material bulwarks. While on the one hand they are merely geometric, they become as well massive and imponderable ciphers of inscrutability. These paintings allude to freedom by obstructing it – they present possibilities while denying them.

Booth's work is spiritual in appearing anti-spiritual. His dark dialectic remains intact throughout.<sup>12</sup>

# PAUL BOSTON: A BENIGN CONTRADICTION

Paul Boston's belief in Buddhism has meant that he has striven for what he calls "a unity of contradiction". <sup>13</sup> By this he means that his painting is an engaged realisation of the fundamental duality of existence: that described by the Chinese as Yin and Yang, the Zen Buddhists as Being and Nothingness and by Western theology as Soul and Body. These binary oppositions prescribe, in Boston's view, the nature of the sublime. Between them is the sublime pathway, the shock of apprehension.

Boston is an artist who is not easily "placed" stylistically, but this does not imply that his work is divorced from art history and cultural impact:

His imagery is deeply historical in the sense of its being made with full awareness of the cultural archetypes that inform all our perceptions. He is able to absorb aspects of this ancient heritage and present it unselfconsciously as a personal contemporary vision. This is very distinct from quotation and appropriation, it represents the proper use of a richly evolved language of images and human impulses which are the rightful inheritance of all humans who are sensitive enough to seek them out and take them in as part of their own matrix of experience. <sup>14</sup>

Boston is an artist who admits little overt interest in current theoretical discourse. While denying a need to answer prevailing aesthetic dilemmas, he is actually doing precisely that – but in the very best and fullest sense. While he is conscious of the spiritual enervation of our society, his art is a serious and committed process of spiritual unfoldment and as such is contained within a complex investigation of the human psyche.

In *Untitled* (1989) Boston explores the notion of the ineffable. This work is part of a series of paintings where the artist divided the canvas with vertical lines, a mode modified and extended in his latest work. This extends from an appreciation of Newman and Mondrian and participates in their search for a painted evocation of serenity.

This is accompanied in this work with an intriguing, symbolic reference to the circle image in Zen art, where it represents the sphere of voidness, the condition of

nothingness (the ultimate reality of selflessness, from which all things arise and return) and is that from which all things are inseparable.

His earlier work, for example, *Untitled* (1988), depicted biomorphic shapes floating in an ambiguous space, wheareas the latest paintings have become more formally arranged. The edges are blurred but remain easily identifiable. The "ground" may shift and become "space" but there is a sense of solidity, the weight of the actual. The dreamlike floating shapes have been temporarily replaced with something like a grid. The space into which we peer is impervious, inscrutable and dark. The artist leaves what is on the other side of the space a palpable mystery, a spiritual promise revealed but remaining enigmatic.

In Man in a Landscape (1983) the artist has depicted a generalised persona, flooded with experience. The head registers the world as a flowing set of signs, at once secure in their repetition and fluid in their constant movement. This painting represents the complete antidote to intense Western psycho-analysis where the ego is seen as paramount and the individual as the rightful pinnacle. Boston's figure is egoless in that it presents no barrier to the environment which passes through it, no resistance to that which defines it. It is within the loss of the self-conscious self that the sublime is finally posited, in a moment of annihilation and awe, at the site of revelation.

# BRENT HARRIS: APPROACHING THE VOID

For Brent Harris the term "sublime" has direct meaning. He is well aware of the modernist/postmodernist debate surrounding it, and consciously places his art in a position to respond to, and develop, the critical argument.

Harris often works in serial form, making pictures that are virtually identical to others. In the contemporary context this serialism critiques the apparent neutrality of mechanical reproduction. His canvases refer to an infinite series, hence to infinity itself, but it is a less than comforting sense of the sublime that he paints. Rather, he evokes the anxiety of something like Kafka's bureaucratic hallway, door after door leading to another identical hallway, to an infinity of spiritual loss.

The current images are flat and quietistic. Harris pursues what he sees in the work of Malevitch and Reinhardt, namely an appreciation of the power of monochromatic repetition in order to repudiate the sheer inundation of images and concepts flooding from the stream of history. However, once this statement is made why make it again? The artist implies an answer, similar to that offered in the following statement about Barnett Newman:

Newman was painting the one large vision, the one painting over and over. By restricting himself to this one vision – that vision – his work becomes a greater thing than individuality. For me Newman's work becomes highly spiritual – his vision is so far beyond the grip of his own ego, as also with Reinhardt and Rothko. 15

Brent Harris posits the spiritual as beyond the self, as a transcendence. It is to this kind of vision that he aspires. The artists that he most admires are those who have had, as a central plank of their art, a profound interest in the spiritual/sublime. He has remarked:

The theoretical approach may see me barking up the wrong tree, suggesting that transcendence is no longer an intellectual possibility in these late capitalist days. My whole being disagrees with that intellectualisation. <sup>16</sup>

It is certainly true that Harris pushes at the modernist project, attempting to re-define for himself the parameters of an art of negation first sought by Malevitch and later by Reinhardt (among others). In this he approaches the void, the possibilities of reduction and negation, the emptiness of the abyss. This is what makes his work appropriate in a study of the impulse of the sublime. Reinhardt faced the problem too by positing a negative notion of what art was. Harris asserts the same discipline.

In Harris' work however there is another dimension posited, that of the body space of the viewer. It is here that his notions of space are most challenging. In *Lacuna (Artificial Infinite)* (1991) the two panels of the work are shown a body's width apart so that the viewer, standing in front of the painting, participates in the "space" defined by it. There is a dialogue between the work and the viewer that is realised physically, thereby question-

ing the two dimensionality of the painted surface.

Brent Harris, in determining such placement, brings the possibility of the viewer's engagement into the sublime moment. The gap between the two painted surfaces is (in this work) posited as the site of the sublime.

## ROSS MOORE: AN INTERIOR SPACE

Ross Moore's recent work has focused increasingly on the single entity suspended in space. He relates this interest directly to meditation in which the mind's image cannot be separated from the luminous clarity of the mind, yet remains different. In being apprehended the image becomes objectified and thereby is freed from the subjective state. In *Concentration Being* (1991) the object acts as an immediate and rivetting point for awareness.

In Tantra the meditator visualizes a single shape to the exclusion of all else and through the power of this condensation of focus the transformative energy of the mind is vastly enhanced and reality takes on a numinous ecstatic aspect. This stepping over cognitive thresholds is what for Moore constitutes the actual experience of the sublime.

Whilst eclectic influences are apparent in Moore's art he is not interested in the notion of appropriation. His work oscillates between a quest for the embodied monumental symbol and a depiction of the process of conceptual elaboration, depicted as notations that read as hieroglyphs. *Automatic Pictographs* (1990) has close affinities with the automatic writing of spiritualistic mediumship. Like Boston Moore is deeply preoccupied with the shamanistic possibilities of art. In his view the artist, like the shaman, must suspend ordinary rational control in order to permit deep powerful levels of consciousness to pervade the mundane domain.

In this deliberate process of suppressing conscious manipulation, meditative equipoise and dreamlike states are valued and deliberately cultivated as an essential part of the creative process as they allow the hand to execute beyond the tyranny of the eye.

Moore's fascination with ways of gaining access to the totemic mind underscores his claim for art as a therapeutic device, a means of harmonising and integrating dynamic states of being. His reluctance to view tribal cultures as primitive and anachronistic is due precisely to his identification of totemic images as storehouses of psychic potencies. As aspects of individual consciousness they are forever contemporary.

In *The Beginningless Mind* (1991) the mandala-like wheel motif has reverberations to the alchemical circle and the wheel of life in Eastern philosophy. Moore sees it as referring to the perpetual unfurling of consciousness and the objects depicted within its flow can variously refer to rebirth states, thought forms and the general creation of the phenomenal world which, according to Buddhist thought, cannot be found other than as a product of the mind itself.

Moore's art represents the interior space in that he is not interested in pursuing visual reality—at least in the gross sense of the eye perceiving the material world. Rather he is concerned with the visual as a mystical device, a mode of spiritual revelation, a quest for the sublime.

## THE SUBLIME: NOTIONS OF DIFFERENCE

Despite apparent divergences and idiosyncracies of vision all the artists in this show are bound by a similar endeavour, to break through the thraldom of the commonplace and the habitual, in order to arrive in another place where all oppositions have come to rest and the mind is awarded a profound stillness and peace. Such endeavours are liable to attract criticism, particularly in the prevailing climate of postmodernist theory where the very notion of the transcendental is denied.

That the role of the artist can be seen as special within society is not so much a tribute to the artists themselves (if we consider their creative pursuit as heroic) so much as a reflection of the extent to which notions of the sublime have become simply outmoded notions. Our age has threatened to dissolve the very category of the spiritual and the sublime as kinds of historical redundancy.

The sublime is defined very differently by the artists in this exhibition: e.g. as gestural, fleeting moment by one, as negative space or deep psychic evolution by others. The notion of sublimity is an open one, available as a kind of shifting focus for many artists who wish to deny the narrowness of prescriptive postmodernist principles, while at the same time asserting the positive value of "difference". If the sublime resists confinement, it also promises revolution.

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#### NOTES

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MARIANNE BAILLIEU

'Alleluia', 'Alleluia', 'Alleluia' 1989–1990 Catalogue No 2
Courtesy Yuill/Crowley, Sydney



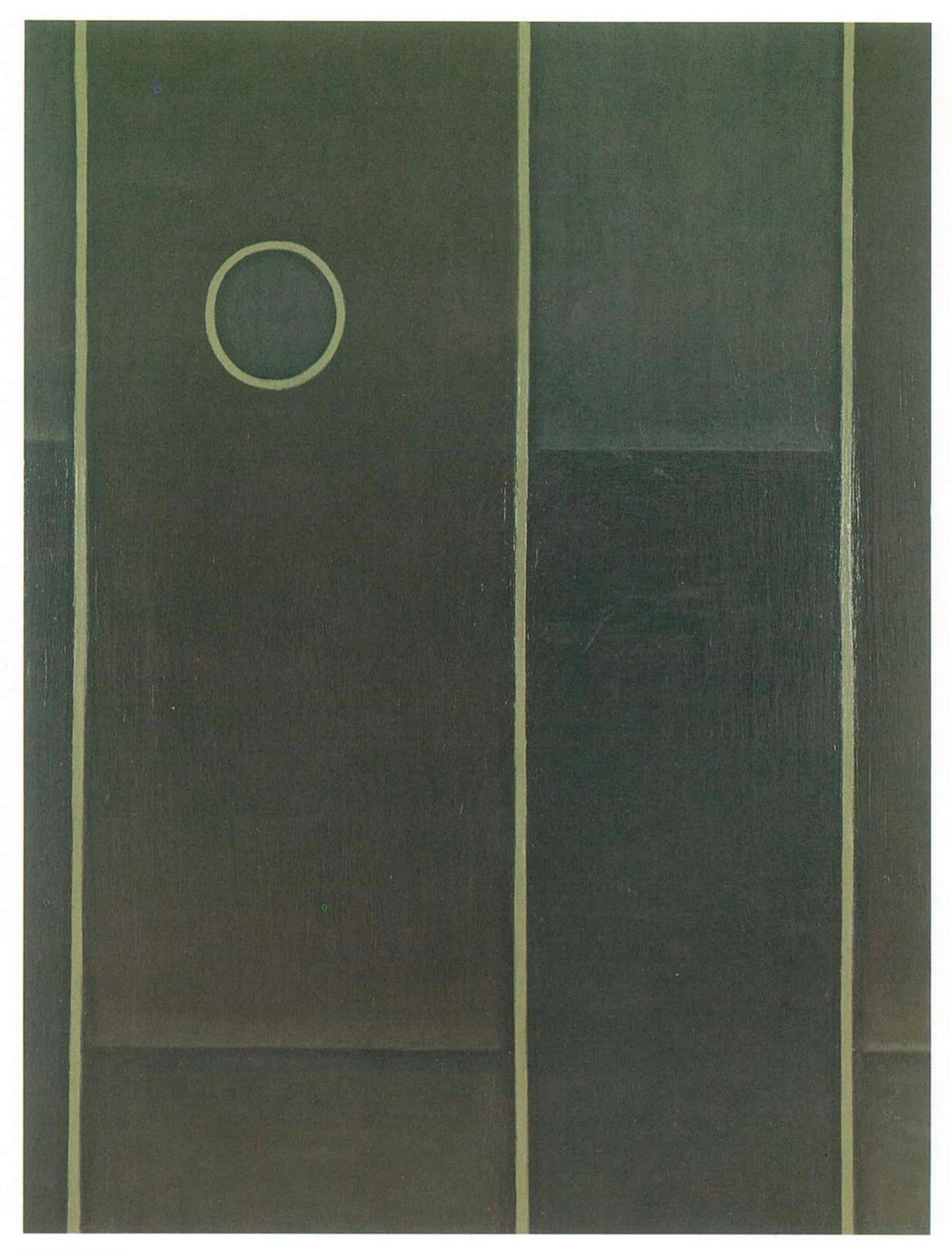
PETER BOOTH

Untitled 1975 Catalogue No 7

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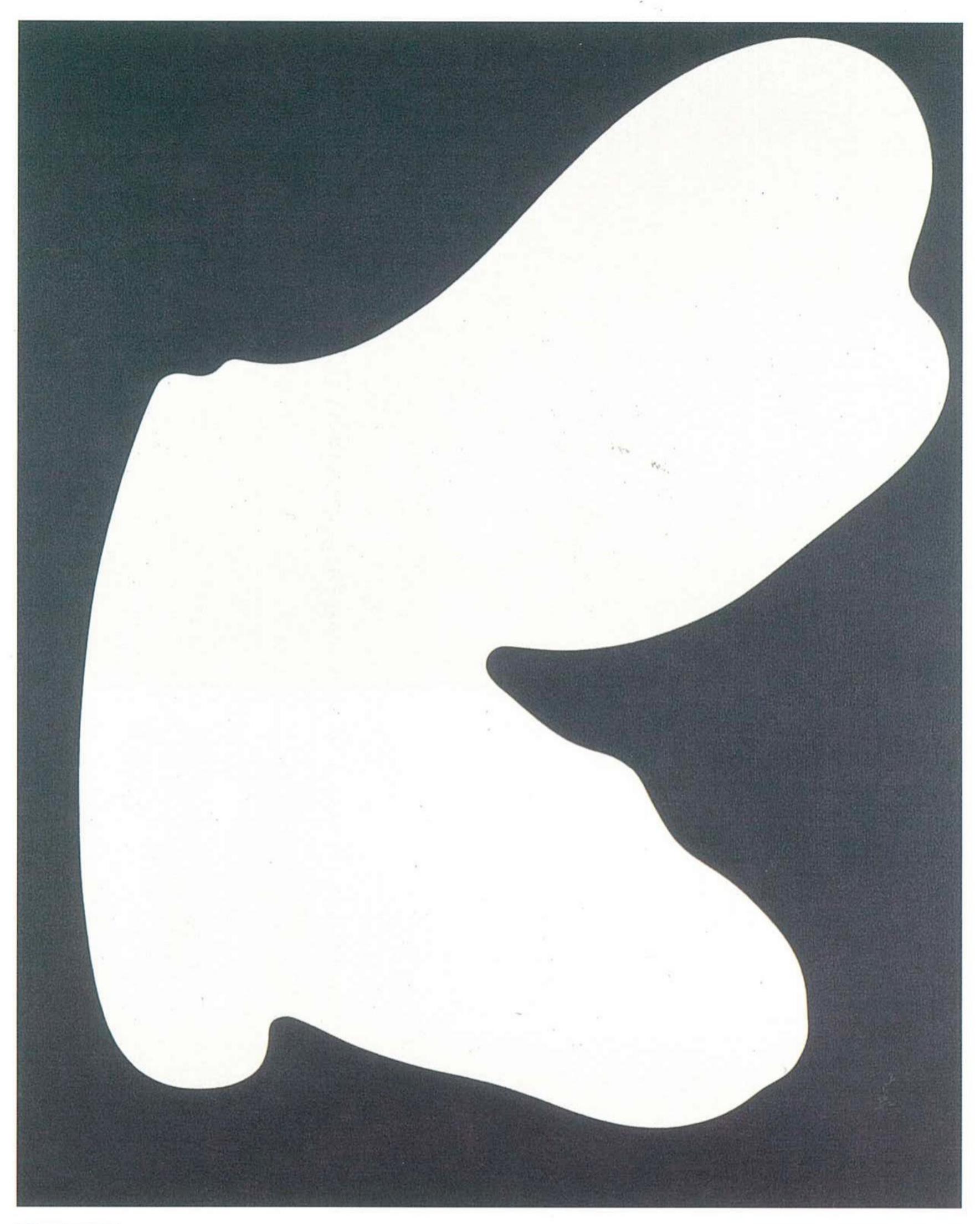
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PAUL BOSTON

Untitled 1989 Catalogue No 10
Collection John Embling and Heather Pilcher
Photograph Henry Jolles



BRENT HARRIS

Painting No. 2 (from 'Otherness' series) 1991 Catalogue No 14

Courtesy Karyn Lovegrove

Photograph Helen Skuse



ROGER KEMP

Colour Form 1985 Catalogue No 17

Private collection

Photograph Henry Jolles



ROSS MOORE

Concentration Being 1991 Catalogue No 22 Courtesy Luba Bilu Gallery, Melbourne Photograph Helen Skuse

### LIST OF WORKS

#### MARIANNE BAILLIEU

- 1 Rebirth 1991
  oil & mixed media on canvas
  274.3 x 152.4 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Yuill/Crowley, Sydney
- 2 'Alleluia', 'Alleluia', 'Alleluia' 1989-1990 oil & mixed media on canvas 347.5 x 182.8 cm signed and dated on reverse Courtesy Yuill/Crowley, Sydney
- 3 Death 1991
  oil & mixed media on canvas
  274.3 x 152.4 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Yuill/Crowley, Sydney

#### PETER BOOTH

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- 4 Painting 1972
  synthetic polymer paint on canvas
  218.3 x 122.4 cm
  signed on reverse, not dated
  Collection: Geelong Art Gallery
  Corio Five Star Whisky Prize, 1972
- 5 Untitled 1970
  synthetic polymer paint on canvas
  156.0 x 320.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Collection: Monash University
- 6 Untitled (Purple/Black Bar) c1973
  acrylic on cotton canvas
  213.1 x 152.2 cm
  Collection: Art Galley of
  Western Australia
- 7 Untitled 1975
  synthetic polymer paint on canvas
  60.0 x 45.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Private Collection, Melbourne

#### PAUL BOSTON

- 8 Man in a Landscape 1983
  high density polystyrene, lead,
  newspaper, oil-stick
  244.0 x 122.0 cm
  not signed or dated
  Collection: Kim Kingston
- Oil on linen
  152.4 x 205.8 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Private Collection, Melbourne
- oil on linen
  231.5 x 152.4 cm
  not signed or dated
  Collection: John Embling &
  Heather Pilcher

#### BRENT HARRIS

- 11 Lacuna (Artificial Infinite) 1991
  oil on canvas
  2 panels, each
  168.0 x 152.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Karyn Lovegrove,
  Melbourne
- 12 Painting: Diptych 3 1990
  oil on canvas
  each panel 43.0 x 70.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Mori Gallery, Sydney
- 13 Painting No.1
  (from 'Mute' series) 1991
  oil on canvas
  50.5 x 40.5 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Karyn Lovegrove,
  Melbourne
- 14 Painting No.2

  (from 'Otherness' series) 1991

  oil on canvas

  76.0 x 60.5 cm

  signed and dated on reverse

  Courtesy Karyn Lovegrove,

  Melbourne

#### ROGER KEMP

- 15 Concept 1970
  acrylic on canvas
  169.0 x 170.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse on label
  Collection: Merle Kemp
- 16 Space Control 1965
  acrylic on board
  137.0 x 274.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse on label
  Collection: Merle Kemp
- 17 Colour Form 1985
  acrylic on canvas
  182.8 x 347.5 cm
  signed and dated on reverse on label
  Private Collection, Melbourne

#### ROSS MOORE

- 18 Palestrina: Missa Nigra Sum 1990
  oil on linen
  122.0 x 90.5 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Luba Bilu Gallery,
  Melbourne
- oil on canvas
  128.0 x 210.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Luba Bilu Gallery,
  Melbourne
- 20 Light Has Passed 1987
  oil on linen
  71.0 x 122.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Luba Bilu Gallery,
  Melbourne
- 21 Beginningless Mind 1991
  oil on linen
  184.0 x 184.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Luba Bilu Gallery,
  Melbourne
- 22 Concentration Being 1991
  oil on linen
  184.0 x 184.0 cm
  signed and dated on reverse
  Courtesy Luba Bilu Gallery,
  Melbourne

# BIOGRAPHIES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

MARIANNE BAILLIEU		1983-86	6 Senior Lecturer in Painting, Victorian College for
1970-8	80 Founded and directed Realities Gallery,		the Arts, Melbourne
	Melbourne	1986-	Paints full-time, lives in St Kilda
Lives a	and works in Melbourne	INDIVIE	DUAL EXHIBITIONS
STUDIES		1969	Pinacotheca, Melbourne
Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand			Central Street Gallery, Sydney
Monash University, Melbourne		1970	Pinacotheca, Melbourne
Wionash Chiversity, Wiendourne		1971	Pinacotheca, Melbourne
	TED INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS	1973	Peter Booth: Works on Paper, Chapman Powell
1983	Reconnaissance Gallery, Melbourne		Gallery, Melbourne
1984	n-space, Melbourne	1974	Peter Booth: Works on Paper, Chapman Powell
	Yuill/Crowley, Sydney		Gallery, Melbourne
1986	Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane	1975	Pinacotheca, Melbourne
	Yuill/Crowley, Sydney	1976	Project 12: Peter Booth, (Curator Frances Lindsay)
1987	Love Me Now - Love Me Never, Yuill/Crowley,		Art Gallery of New South Wales
	Sydney		Pinacotheca, Melbourne
	Bellas Gallery, Brisbane		Peter Booth: Paintings and Drawings 1968-1976,
1988	Collaboration (with Imants Tillers), Yuill/Crowley,		(Curator Grazia Gunn) Monash University Gallery,
	Sydney		Melbourne
1989	Pharmaliaya Series, Yuill/Crowley, Sydney	1977-83	3 Pinacotheca, Melbourne
1990	Yuill/Crowley, Sydney	1984	Peter Booth: Recent Drawings, Garry Anderson
SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS			Gallery, Sydney
1984	Life of Energies, Artspace, Sydney	1985	Peter Booth: Recent Drawings, Garry Anderson
1985	Perspecta, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney		Gallery, Sydney
	Visual Tension, Australian Centre for Contemporary		Peter Booth: Works on Paper 1963-1985, (Curator
	Art and Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane		Frances Lindsay) University Gallery, The Univer-
1986	Pharmakon, Yuill/Crowley, Sydney		sity of Melbourne
1988	Yuill/Crowley, Sydney		Pinacotheca, Melbourne
	Advance Australian Painting, Auckland City Art	1986	Peter Booth: Works on Paper, Powell Street Gallery,
	Gallery; National Art Gallery, Wellington, New		Melbourne
	Zealand		C.D.S. Gallery, New York
1991	Yuill/Crowley, Sydney	1987	C.D.S. Gallery, New York
1771		1988	Peter Booth: Works on Paper 1983-1988, Albermarle
PETE	R BOOTH		Gallery, London
			C.D.S. Gallery, New York
1940	Born Sheffield, England	1989	Peter Booth: Drawings 1977-1987, Deutscher
	7 Attended drawing class, Sheffield College of Art		Gertrude Street, Melbourne
1958	Arrived Australia, lives in Melbourne	1990	Peter Booth: Recent Paintings, Deutscher Brunswick
1962-6	55 Studied painting, National Gallery of Victoria Art School under John Brack		Street, Melbourne
1964	Awarded National Gallery of Victoria Art School	SELECT	ED GROUP EXHIBITIONS
	Prize for Subject Painting; joint winner of Bernard	1967	Strines Gallery, Melbourne
	Hall Prize for Figure Painting	1968	The Field, (Curators Brian Finemore & John
1966-69 Taught painting, Prahran Technical College			Stringer) National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne;
1967	Taught drawing, National Gallery of Victoria Art		Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
	School	1973	Recent Australian Art (Curators Daniel Thomas &
1969	Stopped teaching and began labouring work		Frances Lindsay) Art Gallery of New South Wales
1969-7	5 Worked as a technical assistant, National Gallery of Victoria	1976	Minimal Art, National Gallery of Victoria, Mel- bourne
1975-7	6 Taught painting, Preston College of Advanced		Drawing: Some Definitions, Ewing and George Paton
1715-1	Education		Galleries, The University of Melbourne

Education

Galleries, The University of Melbourne

1979	European Dialogue: The Third Biennale of Sydney, Art
	Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
1980	In the Labyrinth (with Mike Brown), Visual Arts
	Board Regional Development Programme No.7
1981	Australian Perspecta 1981: A Biennial Survey of
	Contemporary Australian Art, Art Gallery of New
	South Wales, Sydney
	Spectres of Our Time, Royal South Australian Society
	of Arts Gallery, Adelaide
	Some Australian Drawings 1880-1980, Art Gallery of
	New South Wales, Sydney
1982	Eureka! Artists from Australia, Serpentine Gallery,
	London
	Australia: Venice Biennale 1982: Works by Peter Booth
	and Rosalie Gascoigne, Australian Pavilion, Venice
1983	Vox Pop: Into the Eighties, National Gallery of
1703	Victoria, Melbourne
	Project 40: Australian Artists at Venice and Kassel, Art
	Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
	Recent Australian Painting: A Survey 1970-1983, Art
	Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
	From Another Continent: Australia: The Dream and
	the Real, A.R.C./Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de
1001	Paris, Paris
1984	An International Survey of Recent Painting and
	Sculpture, Museum of Modern Art, New York
	Australian Visions: 1984 Exxon International Exhibi-
	tion, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
	Fifth Biennale of Sydney: Private Symbol: Social
	Metaphor, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
1985	Australian Visions: 1984 Exxon International Exhibi-
	tion, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney;
	Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Mel-
	bourne; Monash University Exhibition Gallery,
	Melbourne
	The University of Melbourne Art Collection 1855-1985,
	University Gallery, The University of Melbourne
1986	The Australians: Three Generations of Drawings,
	C.D.S. Gallery, New York
1987	Field to Figuration: Australian Art 1960-1986: Works
	from the National Gallery of Victoria, National
	Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
	The ANZ Bicentennial Art Commission, National
	Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
	Backlash: The Australian Drawing Revival 1976-1986
	(Curator Ted Gott), National Gallery of Victoria,
	Melbourne
	Innocence and Danger: An Artist's View of Childhood
	(Curator Robert Rooney), Heide Park and Art
	Gallery Melbourne

Gallery, Melbourne

Melbourne

1988

Minimal Art in Australia: A Contemplative Art,

Australian Biennale 1988: From the Southern Cross: A

View of World Art c1940-1988, Art Gallery of New

South Wales, Sydney; National Gallery of Victoria,

Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane

Advance Australian Painting, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland The Philip Morris Arts Grant: Australian Art of the Last Ten Years, Australian National Gallery, Canberra Creating Australia: 200 Years of Art 1788-1988 (Curator Daniel Thomas), National touring exhibition 1989 A Selection of 19th and 20th Century Australian Art, Deutscher Fine Art, Melbourne 1990 Getting to Know Mr Booth, Riddoch Gallery, Mount Gambier; Ballaarat Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat; Brisbane City Hall Art Museum, Brisbane; Deutscher Brunswick Street, Melbourne Off the Wall/In the Air: A Seventies' Selection, Monash 1991 University Gallery in association with the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Frances Lindsay, Project 12: Peter Booth (exhibition catalogue), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 1976 Frances Lindsay, 'Peter Booth', Art and Australia, Vol.16, No.1, Fine Arts Press, Sydney, Spring 1978, pp.47-54

Nick Waterlow, European Dialogue: The Third Biennale of Sydney, (exhibition catalogue) Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 1979

Gary Catalano, In the Labyrinth, (exhibition catalogue) Visual Arts Board Regional Development Programme No.7, Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council, Sydney, 1980

Bernice Murphy, Australian Perspecta 1981: A Biennial Survey of Contemporary Australian Art (exhibition catalogue), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 1981

Robert Lindsay, The Seventies: Australian Paintings and Tapestries from the Collection of the National Australia Bank (exhibition catalogue), National Bank of Australia Ltd., Melb. 1982

Nancy Underhill, Eureka! Artists from Australia (exhibition catalogue), International Cultural Corporation of Australia/ Arts Council of Great Britain, London 1982

Gary Catalano, 'Peter Booth: A Painter of Our Time', Australia: Venice Biennale 1982: Works by Peter Booth and Rosalie Gascoigne (exhibition catalogue), Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council, Sydney 1982

Ron Radford, Recent Australian Painting: A Survey 1970-1980 (exhibition catalogue), Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, 1983

Robert Lindsay, Vox Pop: Into the Eighties (exhibition catalogue), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 1983

Gary Catalano, 'The Incandescent World', Peter Booth: Works on Paper 1963-1985 (exhibition catalogue), University Gallery, The University of Melbourne 1985

Patrick McCaughey, Field to Figuration: Australia Art 1960-1986 (exhibition catalogue), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 1986

Ted Gott, Backlash: The Australian Drawing Revival 1976-1986 (exhibition catalogue), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne 1986

Arthur McIntyre, Oz Drawing Now (exhibition catalogue), Holdsworth Contemporary Galleries, Sydney, 1986

- Bruce Pollard, Minimal Art in Australia: A Contemplative Art (exhibition catalogue), Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane, 1987
- Jan Minchin, *The ANZ Bicentennial Art Commission* (exhibition catalogue), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 1987
- James Mollison, The Philip Morris Arts Grant: Australian Art of the Last Ten Years (exhibition catalogue), The Phillip Morris Arts Grant, Canberra, 1988
- Ian McKay, 'Peter Booth', Modern Painters, Vol.1, No.2, London, Summer 1988, p87
- Frances Lindsay, 'Paradise Lost: Paradise Regained', Creating Australia: 200 Years of Art: 1788-1988 (exhibition catalogue), International Cultural Corporation of Australia Ltd. and Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, 1988
- Frances Lindsay, 'Peter Booth', Advance Australian Painting (exhibition catalogue), Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, 1988
- Rupert Martin, 'Peter Booth: The Inner Landscape', *Peter Booth: Works on Paper 1983-1988* (exhibition catalogue), Albermarle Gallery, London, 1988
- Jan Minchin, 'Peter Booth', Australian Biennale 1988: From the Southern Cross: A View of World Art c1940-1988 (exhibition catalogue), The Biennale of Sydney and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 1988, pp82-83
- Rosalie Gascoigne, Peter Booth Drawings 1977-1987 (exhibition catalogue), Deutscher Brunswick Street, Melbourne, 1989
- Robert Lindsay, 'Peter Booth: One Hundred Years of Solitude

   The New Ice Age', *Peter Booth: Recent Paintings*(exhibition catalogue), Deutscher Brunswick Street,
  Melbourne, 1990
- Peter Timms, Getting to Know Mr Booth, (exhibition catalogue), Australian Exhibitions Touring Agency, Melbourne, 1990
- Off the Wall/In the Air: A Seventies' Selection (exhibition catalogue), Monash University in association with Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne, 1991

#### SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth Australian National Gallery, Canberra Ballaart Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat Bendigo Art Gallery Geelong Art Gallery Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne Monash University Collection, Melbourne Mornington Peninsula Art Gallery Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney National Gallery of Victoria Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston Riddoch Art Gallery, Mount Gambier The University of Melbourne Museum of Art Visual Arts Board of Australian Art Purchase Program

#### PAUL BOSTON

1952 Born MelbourneLives and works in Melbourne

#### STUDIES

- 1969-73 Diploma of Art, Phillip Institute of Technology, Melbourne
- 1973-76 Lived in Japan and south-east Asia
- 1980 Travelled in the United States of America, Great Britain and Germany
- 1985-86 Travelled in China, Holland, France and United States of America

#### SELECTED INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

- 1983 Reconnaissance, Melbourne
- 1985 Reconnaissance, Melbourne
- 1988 Paul Boston: Works on Paper 1982-1986, Deutscher Gertrude Street, Melbourne, in association with Tony Oliver
- 1989 Paul Boston: New Paintings, Tony Oliver Gallery, Melbourne
- 1990 Paul Boston, John Buckley Fine Art, Melbourne

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1972 Pinacotheca, Melbourne
- 1982 New Directions, Geelong Art Gallery, Melbourne
- 1983 Perspecta 1983, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney Vox Pop: Into the Eighties, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 1984 Form < Image > Sign: Bi-annual Survey of Australian Art, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth A Survey of International Painting and Sculpture, Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 1985 Six Drawings, School of Art Gallery, University of Tasmania, Hobart

  Under the Hand Behind the Eye, Deakin University
  Gallery, Geelong

  Australian Perspecta 85, Art Gallery of New South
  Wales, Sydney
- 1986 Cross Currents (Curator: Elizabeth Cross), Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne On Site 2, School of Art Gallery, University of Tasmania, Hobart Backlash: The Australian Drawing Revival 1976– 1986 (Curator: Ted Gott), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 1987 Paul Boston, John Bursill and Stephen Turpie, Tony
  Oliver at 13 Verity Street, Melbourne
  Painters and Sculptors: Diversity in Contemporary
  Australian Art, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane;
  Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan
  Inaugural Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary
  Art, Brisbane
- 1988 David McKee Gallery, New York

  The Loti and Victor Smorgon Collection of Australian

  Art, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art,

  Melbourne

Advance Australia Painting, Auckland City Art
Gallery, Auckland
Contemporary Australian Art to China 1988-1989,
Beijing, Wuhang, Shanghai and Guangzhou
The John McCaughey Memorial Art Prize, National

1991 The John McCaughey Memorial Art Prize, Nationa Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

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Rod Carmichael, 'Artist Goes in Head First', *The Sun*, Melbourne, 7 September, 1983

Memory Hollaway, 'Long Awaited and Much Needed Pop Display', *The Age*, Melbourne,

Robert Lindsay, Vox Pop: Into the Eighties (exhibition catalogue), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne 1983-84

Kynaston McShine, An International Survey of Recent Paintings and Sculpture (exhibition catalogue), Museum of Modern Art, New York, 1984

Anthony Bond, Form<Image>Sign: Bi-annual Survey of Australian Art (exhibition catalogue), Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, 1984

Anthony Bond, 'Paul Boston', Australian Perspecta 85 (exhibition catalogue), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 1985

John Neeson, Six Drawings (exhibition catalogue), School of Art Gallery, University of Tasmania, Hobart, 1985

John Buckley & Ashley Crawford, Visual Tension (exhibition catalogue), Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne, 1985

Ronald Miller, 'Happiness is a Room Full of Monet', *The Herald*, Melbourne, August, 1985

Robert Rooney, 'Best places to be hung', *The Australian*, 17 August, 1985

Gary Catalano, 'Fusion of Impulses', *The Age*, Melbourne, 22 May, 1987, p.14

Elizabeth Cross, Cross Currents (exhibition catalogue), Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne, 1986

Ted Gott, Backlash: The Australian Drawing Revival 1976-1986 (exhibition catalogue), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 1986

Michael Wardell, 'Paul Boston', Art and Australia, Vol 23, No.4, Winter 1986

Clare Williamson, 'Paul Boston', Painters and Sculptors: Diversity in Contemporary Australian Art (exhibition catalogue), Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, 1987

John Buckley, Contemporary Australian Art to China 1988-1989 (exhibition catalogue), 1988

Gary Catalano, Advance Australian Painting (exhibition catalogue), Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand, 1988

Tony Oliver, Paul Boston: Works on Paper 1982-1986 (exhibition catalogue), Tony Oliver and Deutscher Gertrude Street, Melbourne, 1988 Gary Catalano, 'A Question of Selection', *The Age*, Melbourne, 26 February, 1988

Gary Catalano, 'Paul Boston takes his elusive qualities into another dimension', *The Age*, Melbourne, August, 1989

#### COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
Australian National Gallery, Canberra
Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne
Monash University Collection, Melbourne
Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Sussan Corporation Collection, Melbourne
The Loti and Victor Smorgon Collection, Melbourne

#### **BRENT HARRIS**

1956 Born Palmerston North, New Zealand1981 Arrived Australia

Lives and works in Melbourne

#### STUDIES

1981 Diploma of Art & Design, Footscray College of TAFE, Melbourne

1982-84 Bachelor of Fine Art (Painting), Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne

#### PRIZES

1984 Grace Joel Prize (Painting), Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne

1985 Broadford Acquisition Prize

#### GRANTS

1988 Project Grant, Visual Arts/Craft Board of the Australia Council

#### INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

1987 Victorian Barristers' Club, Melbourne

1988 13 Verity Street, Melbourne

1989 13 Verity Street, Melbourne

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1985 Three New Painters, 70 Arden Street, Melbourne

1987 Keith and Elisabeth Murdoch Travelling Fellowship Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne Group Show, 13 Verity Street, Melbourne

1988 Studio Artists, 200 Gertrude Street, Melbourne
Six Artists: Preview 1988, 13 Verity Street,
Melbourne
A New Generation 1983-1988: The Philip Morris
Arts Grant, Australian National Gallery
The Melbourne Savage Club Invitation Drawing
Prize, RMIT Galley, Melbourne

Director's Choice, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne

1989 Australian Perspecta 1989, Art Gallery of New
South Wales, Sydney

ICI Contemporary Art Collection Exhibition, Ballaarat
Fine Art Gallery; Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne

	Etchings by Roger Kemp, Crossley Gallery, Mel-
	bourne
	Holdsworth Gallery, Sydney
1973	Realities Gallery, Melbourne
1975	Roger Kemp on Paper (Curators Patrick McCaughey
	and Betty Clarke), University Gallery, The
	University of Melbourne
1976	Realities Gallery, Melbourne
1978	Realities Gallery, Melbourne
1978-80	Roger Kemp: Cycles and Directions - 1935-1975
	(Curator Patrick McCaughey), Australian Gallery

Directors Council (touring exhibition)

(Painting 1975-1980) Coventry Gallery, Sydney

1981 Coventry Gallery, Sydney

1982 Paintings and etchings by Roger 1

1982 Paintings and etchings by Roger Kemp, Realities Gallery, Melbourne

1985 Wide span: paintings and prints by Roger Kemp,
Latrobe Valley Arts Centre, Morwell, Victoria

1986 Coventry Gallery, Sydney Realities Gallery, Melbourne

1988 Selected Original Prints, Realities Gallery, Melbourne

1991 Roger Kemp: The Complete Etchings (Curator:
Hendrik Kolenberg), Art Gallery of New South
Wales, Sydney; Heide Park and Art Gallery,
Melbourne
Roger Kemp Printmaker, Brisbane City Hall Art
Gallery and Museum

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1956 Pacific Loan Exhibition
Arts Festival Olympic Games Exhibition
1960 Helena Rubinstein Scholarship Exhibition
1962 Four Arts in Australia, South East Asia
Antipodean Vision, Tate Gallery, London

1965 Survey Exhibition (Roger Kemp, Leonard French, Jan Senbergs, George Johnson & Leonard Crawford), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

1964-66 The Australian Painters (Mertz Collection), Corcoran Gallery, Washington, U.S.A.

1967 Expo Montreal, Canada

1973 The Minnie Crouch Acquisitive Exhibition, Ballaarat Fine Art Gallery
Print Council of Australia Print Prize Exhibition,
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Biennale of Sydney, Sydney Opera House

1975 Ten Australians, Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council (touring exhibition)

Drawing Exhibition, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Artists Artists, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Pictures for People in Public Places, City Square, Melbourne

The Annual F.E. Richardson Print Acquisitive, Geelong Art Gallery

1976 The Eva and Marc Besen Collection, Monash
University Exhibition Gallery, Melbourne
Print Council of Australia 1976 Exhibition, Hawthorn City Art Gallery, Melbourne

1977 The 3rd Independents exhibition of prints in Kanagawa, Japan Print Association, Japan Contemporary Australian Prints, Festival of Perth, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth Outlines of Australian Printmaking (Curator Ron Radford), Ballaarat Fine Art Gallery

1978 Contemporary Australian Drawing, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth

1980-81 Print Council of Australia (touring exhibition)

1982 Fourth Biennale of Sydney, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Recent Australian Prints, 12 Melbourne
Printmakers, Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art, Oxford, Bayreuth

1983 An exhibition of original prints, Realities Gallery, Melbourne

An exhibition of Victorian prints, Print Council of Australia and Aichi International Association (tour of Japan)

Prints acquisitive 1984, Mornington Peninsula Arts Centre

1986 Backlash: The Australian Drawing Revival 1976– 1986 (Curator Ted Gott), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

1988 Selected original prints: John Brack, Noel Counihan, Roger Kemp, Fred Williams, Realities Gallery, Melbourne

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Alan McCulloch, 'Roger Kemp', Meanjin, No.1, 1951, p.48
Alan McCulloch, Studio, May 1953, p.153
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Barrie Reid (editor), Collection of Paintings and Drawings,
Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne

William Hannan, Gallery A (exhibition catalogue), Melbourne 1959

Kym Bonython, Modern Australian Painting and Sculpture: A Survey of Australian Art 1950-1960, Adelaide 1960

William Hannan, Antipodean Vision (exhibition catalogue), Tate Gallery, London 1962

James Gleeson, 'Painting in Australia since 1945', Art and Australia, Vol.1, No.1, May 1963, p.9

John Brack, 'Georges Invitation Art Prize', Art and Australia, Vol.3, No.1, June 1965, p56

Kym Bonython, Dictionary of International Biography, 3, 176, 1966

'Exhibition Commentary', Art and Australia, Vol.4, No.2, September 1966, pp.96, 146

Hilde & Hans Knorr, Religious Art in Australia, Longmans, 1967

Brian Finemore, 'Selected Recent Accessions in Australian Painting', Art Bulletin of Victoria, 1967-68, p.33

Möet & Chandon Touring Exhibition 1989, National touring exhibition re:Creation/Re-Creation: the Art of Copying 19th & 20th Centuries (Curator Merryn Gates), Monash

University Gallery, Melbourne

1990 100 Artists Against Animal Experimentation,
Deutscher Brunswick Street, Melbourne
Exposition Art Dock, Noumea, New Caledonia
Works on Paper, 13 Verity Street, Melbourne
New Art: Contemporary Australian Art Acquisitions,
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Loaded, 13 Verity Street, Melbourne
Recent Acquisitions: Department of Prints and
Drawings, National Gallery of Victoria
Greenpeace Fundraising Exhibition, Linden Gallery,
Melbourne

1991 Painting + Perception, Mori Gallery, Sydney
Möet & Chandon Travelling Exhibition 1991,
Australian National Gallery, Canberra (touring exhibition)

1991 John McCaughey Memorial Art Prize, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Room for Abstraction, Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne

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Ashley Crawford, 'Brent Harris: Between Quotation and Homage', *Tension* 15, Melbourne, Dec 1988, pp20-23 Gary Catalano, *The Age*, Melbourne, 15 June, 1988

Alan Dodge, 'Brent Harris: The Stations', *Tension*, No.18, Melbourne, October 1989, pp8-9

Edward Colless, 'Australian Perspecta 1989', Eyeline No.10, Brisbane, December 1989, pp6-8

Ewen McDonald, 'Sydney', Contemporanea, Vol.II, No.5, New York, July-August 1989, illus. p18-19

Robert Lindsay, ICI Contemporary Art Collection (exhibition catalogue), ICI Australia Ltd., Melbourne, 1989

Michael Wardell, 'Brent Harris', Australian Perspecta 1989 (exhibition catalogue), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 1989

Bernice Murphy, 'Colin McCahon: Resistant regionalist or international modernist', *Art and Australia*, Vol.27, No.1, Spring 1989, pp66-71

Christopher Heathcote, Art Monthly, No.25, Canberra, October, 1989

Merryn Gates, re:Creation/Re:Creation: The Art of Copying 19th & 20th Centuries (exhibition catalogue), Monash University Gallery, Melbourne, 1989

Neville Drury (editor), New Art Three, Melbourne 1989 Frances Lindsay, Möet & Chandon Touring Exhibition 1989 (exhibition catalogue), Möet & Chandon Australia Art Foundation, Sydney, 1989

Gary Catalano, *The Age*, Melbourne, 13 September, 1989 Robert Rooney, *The Weekend Australian*, 16-17 Sept. 1989 Ronald Miller, *The Herald*, Melbourne, 5 September, 1989 Charles Green, *Artists Against Animal Experimentation* 

Charles Green, Artists Against Animal Experimentation (catalogue), Deutscher Brunswick Street, Melb. 1990

'Artists Page', Agenda, Melbourne, November 1990 Francis Pound, 'Minefield;...and what else happened in N.Z. art in the Eighties?', Tension, No.19, Melbourne, January 1990

Helen Topliss, 'The Fifth Möet & Chandon', Art and Australia, Vol.29, No.1, Spring 1991

Elwyn Lynn, 'A Mixed Bag in Search of a Theme', *The Weekend Australian*, 9-10 February, 1991, p10

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Robert Rooney, *The Weekend Australian*, 7-8 Sept. 1991 Christopher Heathcote, 'Heide gets formula right for artists in a group exhibition', *The Age*, 4 September, 1991

#### COLLECTIONS

Allen Allen & Hemsley Collection, Sydney Artbank, Sydney Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney Australian National Gallery, Canberra

BP Australia Collection

ICI Contemporary Art Collection, Melbourne Manawatu Regional Gallery, New Zealand Monash University Collection, Melbourne Margaret Stewart Endowment, National Gallery of

Margaret Stewart Endowment, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

The Philip Morris Arts Grant, Australian National Gallery, Canberra

Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane The University of Melbourne Museum of Art

#### ROGER KEMP

Born Bendigo 1908; died Melbourne 1987

#### AWARDS AND PRIZES

1961 John McCaughey Memorial Prize

1964 Darcy Morris Memorial Prize for Religious Art Albury Art Prize

1965 Georges Invitation Art Prize Transfield Prize

1968 Blake Prize for Religious Art

1969 International Co-operation Art Award

1970 Blake Prize for Religious Art

1973 Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award Visual Arts Board

#### SELECTED INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS

1945 Velasquez Galleries, Melbourne

1947 Kosminsky Galleries, Melbourne

1950 Stanley Coe Galleries, Melbourne

1955 Peter Bray Galleries, Melbourne

1959 Gallery A, Melbourne

1962 Farmers Blaxland Galleries, Sydney

1966 Gallery A, Melbourne

1967 Rudy Komon Gallery, Sydney

1970 Hawthorn City Art Gallery, Melbourne

1971 Commonwealth Art Gallery, Sydney

1972 Drawings and etchings by Roger Kemp, Rudy Komon Gallery, Sydney

- John F Kroeger, Renniks Australian Artists, Adelaide 1968 Alan McCulloch, Encyclopedia of Australian Art, Hutchinson, 1968
- Ursula Hoff & Margaret Plant, National Gallery of Victoria -Painting, Drawing, and Sculpture, Melbourne 1968
- James Gleeson, Masterpieces of Australian Painting, Melbourne 1969
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- Patrick McCaughey, *The Biennale of Sydney* (exhibition catalogue), Sydney Opera House, November 1973, pp.30, 31
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- Elizabeth Cross, 'Roger Kemp', Imprint No.1, Print Council of Australia, Melbourne, 1975
- Patrick McCaughey, *Ten Australians* (exhibition catalogue), Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council, 1974/75
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- Mervyn Horton, Australian Painters of the 70s, Ure Smith, Sydney 1975
- Ronald Millar, Civilized Magic: An Interpretative Guide to Australian Painting, Sorrett Publishing, Melb. 1974
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- Ron Radford, Outlines of Australian Printmaking (exhibition catalogue), Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, 1976
- Lilian Wood (editor), Directory of Australian Printmakers, Print Council of Australia, Melbourne 1976 & 1982
- Patrick McCaughey, The Eva and Marc Besen Collection of Australian Painting and Sculpture 1937-1975 (exhibition catalogue), Monash University Exhibition Gallery, Melbourne, 1976
- Brian Finemore, Freedom from Prejudice, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne 1977
- Ron Radford, 'The Collection of the Australian National Gallery', Art and Australia, Vol.14, Nos.3 & 4, January and April, 1977
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Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth

Australian Chancery, Washington, U.S.A.

Australian National Gallery, Canberra

Australian National University

Ballaarat Fine Art Gallery, Victoria

Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria

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High Court, Canberra Mertz Collection, U.S.A. Monash University Collection, Melbourne Museums & Art Galleries of the Northern Territory National Bank Collection National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Newcastle City Art Gallery, New South Wales New Parliament House, Canberra Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, Launceston, Tasmania Rockhampton Art Gallery State Bank of Victoria Collection Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery, Hobart The University of Melbourne Museum of Art Warrnambool Art Gallery University of Western Australia, Perth

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1977 Australian Galleries, Melbourne 1978 Greenhill Galleries, Adelaide 1979 Georges Gallery, Melbourne 1987 Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne Young Australians (touring exhibition) 1987 1988 Philip Morris Collection, Australian National Gallery, Canberra Monash Medical Centre Foundation Fine Art 1989 Collection Inaugural Exhibition, Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne 1989 Wilderness Society Exhibition, Linden Gallery, Melbourne Artists Against Animal Experimentation, Deutscher Gertrude Street, Melbourne SPECIAL...it's been used before, Luba Bilu Gallery, 1990 Melbourne

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