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JOHN BUCKLEY GALLERY

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We are pleased to report that it has been a busy and successful year on Albert Street for John Buckley Gallery. Highlights from the last quarter included the inaugural **Albert Street Open Day**; Albert Street Galleries opened their doors for a day of floor talks from artists, industry experts and insiders. The highly successful and entertaining program covered a selection of topics from collecting to media and global market trends. Due to the success of the day another Albert St open day is scheduled for May next year.

In other news from the Gallery we would like to welcome our newest staff member Jessica Bridgfoot, to the Gallery team. Staff member Daniel Dorall has also been taken up by Dianne Tanzer Gallery, Fitzroy and will be having a solo show with them in September 2008. We are also excited to announce the addition of four new artists to the Gallery, **John Firth-Smith** (currently showing until December 15) **Domenico De Clario**, **Lesley Dumbrell** and **Andrew Leslie**, all of whom will be featuring in our 2008/09 exhibition program.

The past three months has been exciting and prosperous for many of our artists. **Giles Ryder** has had a very successful year winning the ANZ emerging Artists award as well as the prestigious SAMSTAG traveling Art Scholarship. Giles and his family will be moving to Berlin next year as part of the prize. Subsequently interest in Ryder's work has been strong with a number of commissions in the pipeline for next year. Giles and **Jennifer Goodman** were also selected as finalists in the 2007 Stan and Maureen Duke Gold Coast Art Prize, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Queensland. Jennifer also scooping the 2007 Biennial City of Darebin La Trobe University Acquisitive Art Prize.

In other news on prizes and awards, **Janenne Eaton** and **Gareth Sansom** were finalists in this years prestigious Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize at the Bendigo Art Gallery. We are also thrilled for **David Stephenson** who has recently been awarded the highly competitive and sought after Australia Council Fellowship for 2007. Two of the gallery's acclaimed sculptors, **Peter D Cole** and **Geoffrey Bartlett** were finalists in this years McClelland Award (Australia's richest Sculpture Prize) held at the McClelland Gallery & Sculpture Park. For those who enjoyed Geoffrey Bartlett's epic survey show between July and October at the NGV, major works are now available for acquisition - please contact the gallery for further details.

Emma van Leest has also enjoyed a busy year; her work was featured in the 2007 Arc Biennial at QUT Art Museum, Brisbane and her intricate silhouettes were further celebrated with a specially commissioned installation titled 'Wintergarden' at Melbourne's Federation Square. 'Wintergarden' was so popular with the public it was extended for a number of weeks. Images are available for viewing on the website.

Many of the gallery's artists have enjoyed attention from our major public galleries; **Dale Hickey**, **Gareth Sansom** and **David Stephenson** were featured in "Cross Currents: Focus on Australian art (curated by the late John Stringer) at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney. **Simon Strong** was included in the Hutchins Prize in Tasmania as well as the TarraWarra Museum exhibition 'Snap Frieze - Still Life Now' while the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery in Victoria featured **Gareth Sansom** and **John Beard** into 'Eye to I', an exhibition exploring the theme of 'self' in contemporary art. Maintaining his status as a major international artist, **John Beard** also held a solo exhibition of works in the prestigious Fine Art Society in London. Coming up in the New Year we are pleased to announce a highly anticipated major survey exhibition of **Dale Hickey** at Melbourne University's Ian Potter Museum, opening mid February.

The Gallery will be closing for the summer break on December 22nd and then will re-open for the preview of David Stephenson's new exhibition on the 23rd of January. Until then, we hope you'll join us for end-of-year drinks and a preview of the Summer Exhibition on Wednesday the 9th of December. From all the staff at John Buckley Gallery we would like to wish you a festive and relaxing holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

P.S We are also pleased to announce that we now have merchant credit card facilities at the gallery for your convenience.

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Albert Street Open Day
2007



John Firth-Smith, *Whitestreet No 1 NYC*
1982



Gareth Sansom, *Art meets God*
2007



Giles Ryder, *Psychological vapours*
2006



Emma van Leest, *Wintergarden installation*
Federation Square 2007