

**MEDIA RELEASE****21 JANUARY 2010****FIGURATIVE WORK ON DISPLAY AT THE DRUM THEATRE**

Emerging artist Neil Wyatt will have an exhibition of figurative work at the Drum Theatre during February and March 2010. Wyatt participated in the popular group show, *Synthesis*, in September 2009 at Walker St Gallery, and presented a solo exhibition at the Kingston Art Centre (2009); he has also exhibited at the Brunswick Street Gallery (Melbourne), Latrobe Regional Gallery and Convent Gallery (Daylesford). Wyatt received the 2009 Kingston Art Centre Prize, given at the Walker St Gallery's *He who explores* exhibition (2009).

Neil Wyatt's work has consistently reflected a deep fascination with the sculptural aspects of the human figure, its drama, power, complexity and subtle sensuality. Powerful and confronting, these monumental surrealistic paintings challenge and engage the imagination, heighten the sense of drama, tension and impact of a single moment or event.

Wyatt says "Space, symbolism, vivid colour and dream-world compositions underpin the dynamic strength of these works, featuring human forms set in unusual spatial compositions."

Also on display will be several smaller studies in pastel and conte.

*Figuratively speaking* will officially open on 10 February at 6-8pm, and will be on display at The Drum Theatre, located at the Cnr Walker and Lonsdale Streets in Dandenong, from 10 February through 31 March 2010.

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