

LEONARD BROWN

APOPHORIA (THE WAY OF NEGATION)

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"The only thing I know, is that which I do not"

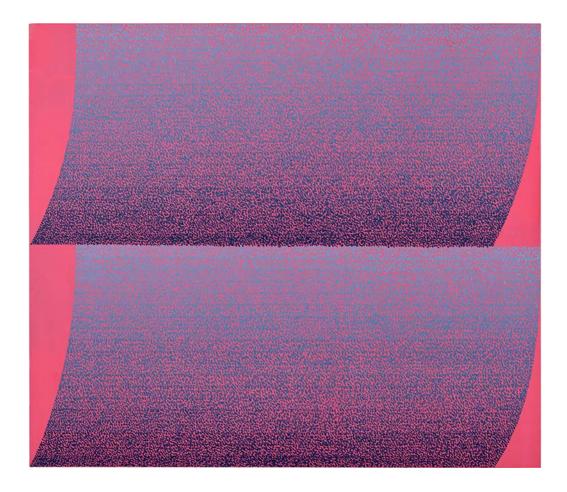
Apophatic theology: "Apophatic", Ancient Greek: απόφασις (adjective); from απόφημι apophēmi, meaning "to deny".

"That there is a God is clear; but what He is by essence and nature, this is altogether beyond our comprehension and knowledge."

Saint John of Damascus

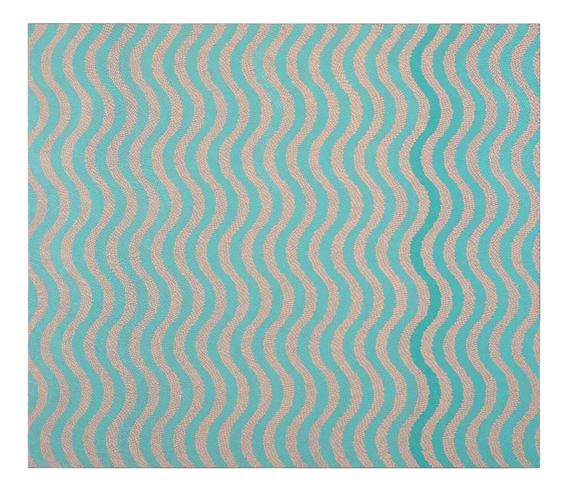
Apophatic theology, also known as negative theology, is a form of theological thinking and religious practice which attempts to approach God, the Divine, by negation, to speak only in terms of what may not be said about the perfect goodness that is God. It forms a pair together with cataphatic theology, which approaches God or the Divine by affirmations or positive statements about what God is.

A theology of negation, which is a "religious attitude toward the incomprehensibility of God [that] enables us to transcend all concepts, every sphere of philosophical enquiry."



THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING 2018

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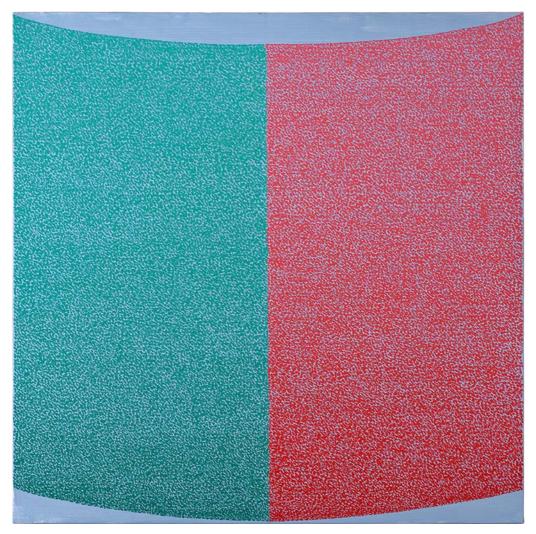


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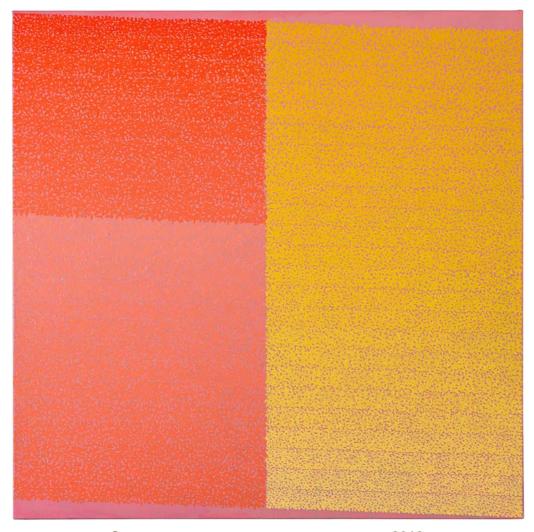


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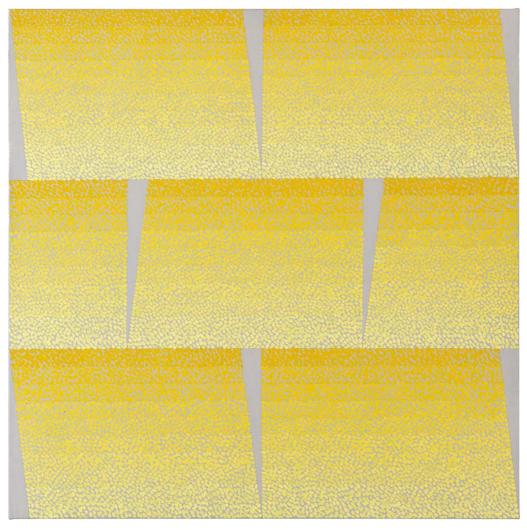
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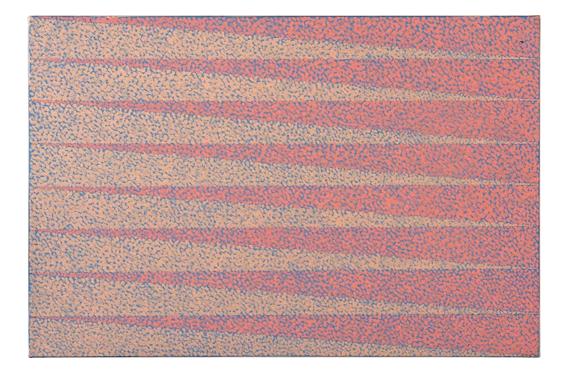
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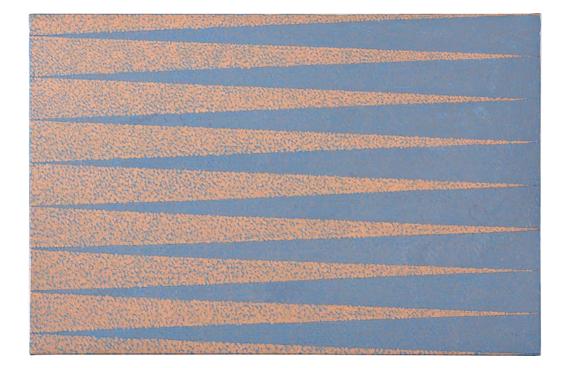
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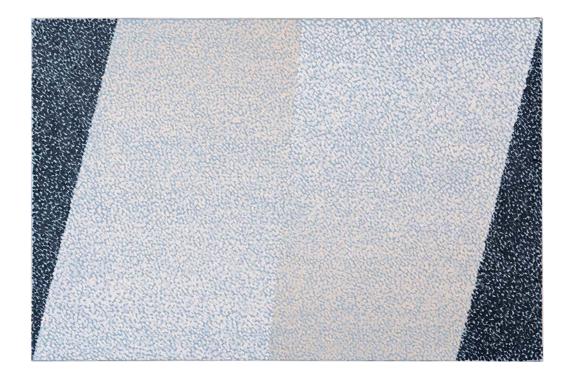
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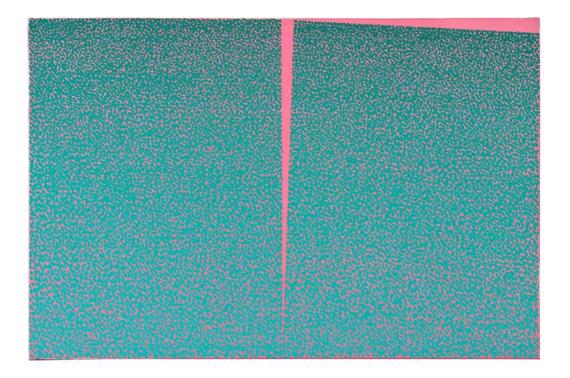
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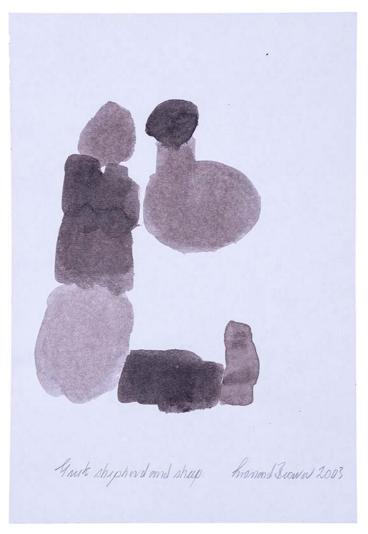


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Collage 30 × 20 cm \$1,980



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UP IN SMOKE 2003



FERGUS AND LEONARD Photo: Mick Richards

LEONARD BROWN

	CHRONOLOGY
1949	Born Brisbane
1961	Performed with the Bee Gees, Christmas Show, Waltons, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane
1963–64	Studied with Betty Churcher, Central Technical College Art School, Brisbane
1965–69	Full-time studies, Central Technical College Art School, Brisbane
1966	Received into the Anglican Church
1969–73	Novice of the Society of St Francis Anglican Franciscan Community, Brookfield, Queensland
1971–72	Lived in the Northern Province of Papua New Guinea, outside Popondetta
1975	Part-time lecturer, Department of Cultural Activities, Regional Education Programme, Queensland
1975–	Began the study and practice of Byzantine painting under the direction of Bishop Constantine, Russian Orthodox Bishop of Brisbane
1976	Baptised Russian Orthodox in Sydney
1978–91	Lecturer in Art History, Painting and Drawing, Brisbane Institute of Art
1981	Travelled to the USA as a guest of the Russian Orthodox Church in Exile, staying at the Synod Cathedral in New York City and the Holy Trinity Monastery in New York state
1987	Travelled to Italy, France and Great Britain
1987	Part-time lecturer in Painting, Kelvin Grove College (QUT), Brisbane
1988	Travelled to Italy
1989	Travelled to USA and Arnhem Land
1991	Travelled to study with the Australian Institute of Archeology, Athens—in Greece and Turkey
1992	Travelled to New Zealand, Greece and USA
1992–99	Lived an idiorrythmic monastic life
2003	Travelled to Italy, Greece and Turkey
2006	Moved from Brisbane to Ipswich, Queensland
2010	Icon study tour, Russia
2015	Travelled to Japan
2017	Travelled to England and Ireland
	SOLO EXHIBITIONS
2018	Apophoria (The way of negation), Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2017	Experience untaught me the world, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2016	Likness, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2015	Old Fashioned Painting, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2014	Extra Ordinary Painting, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane

2013	Ikonodule, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2011	The Familiar Perpendicular, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Union with Reality: The Art of Leonard Brown, Queensland University of Technology Art Museum,
	Brisbane
2010	I Promised a Rainbow, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Extraordinary Measures, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2009	In the eternal now, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2008	Three four sixteen eighty and a hundred, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Time, Time, Time again, paintings, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2007	Petrified Time: paintings and monoprints, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Recent Works, Michael Reid Art Merchant, Sydney
2006	All a swan needs is another swan, Michael Reid Art Merchant, Sydney
2005	In the Steppes of Central Asia, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Sedimentary Painting, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	Painting by Numbers, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2004	Brisbane or the Bush, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Sydney or the Bush, Michael Reid Art Merchant, Sydney
2003	Paintings: Old and New, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Up & Down, Backwards & Forwards Paintings, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	New Paintings, Michael Reid Art Merchant, Sydney
2002	Songs of Ascent and Descent: paintings and collages, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2001	Love Life Paintings, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
1998	Mountains Old and New 1978–1998, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
1996	Cave Painting, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
1995	Brisbane Painting—Leonard Brown, Brisbane City Gallery, Brisbane
1993	<i>Milky Way</i> , Mori Gallery, Sydney
	Drawing in the '90s, Cafe Tempo, Brisbane
1992	Survey of Work 1983–92, Mori Annex, Sydney
1991	Paintings for the Evening, Deutscher Gallery, Melbourne
	Selected Drawings and Paintings, 11 Enoggera Terrace, Brisbane
1990	Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
	Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
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	The Painters Gallery, Sydney
1984	The Painters Gallery, Sydney
1968	Design Arts Centre, Brisbane
	SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS
2018	Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Queensland
2017	Less than: Art and reductionism, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane
2014	30th Anniversary Group Show, Charles Nodrum Gallery; Melbourne
	The less there is to see the more important it is to look, The Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne
	Little pictures and sculptures, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2013	The imperceptible something, Caboolture Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
	Vista, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	Drawing a line, Caboolture Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
2012	Lightness & Gravity: Contemporary Works from the Collection, GoMA, Brisbane
	Abstraction 11, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2011	Painted in Gold: An Exhibition of Ancient and Contemporary Icons, Macquarie University Art Gallery, Sydney
	Ten Degrees of Separation, Poimena Gallery, Launceston, Tasmania
	Artist Artists, Benalla Art Gallery, Victoria
	Modern Australian Painting, Charles Nodrum Gallery; Melbourne
	Art for flood sake, Logan City Art Gallery, Queensland
2010	59th Blake Prize, National Art School, Sydney (touring)
	New 2010: Selected Recent Acquisitions, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
	Our Choice: The Macquarie University Art Collection, Macquarie University Art Gallery, Sydney
	The Unusual Suspects IV, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Recent Acquisitions, Ian Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne, Victoria
	Patron's Choice Exhibition: Dr Irene Amos OAM shares a selection of works from her gift to the City Collection, Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
2009	The Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
	Spin, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane
	Abstraction 8: Mostly Minimal and Monochrome, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	Little Pictures, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne

2008	<i>New: Selected recent acquisitions 2007–2008</i> , The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
	<i>Repeat that again!—The serial impulse in art since the 'sixties</i> , The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
	<i>The Tallis Foundation 2008 National Works on Paper</i> , Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, Victoria
	Sacred Art: Icons in Australia, Riddoch Art Gallery, Mount Gambier, South Australia
	Contemporaneous: Contemporary Australian Painting, Wangaratta Exhibitions Gallery, Victoria
	Rubik, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	Works on Paper, Michael Reid Art Merchant, Sydney
	From Minimal to Maximal, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	That '80s Show, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane
	Art of the Nude: Works from the Alex Mackay Collection, Albury City Art Gallery, New South Wales
	Point of View: Eugene Carchesio Explores The Collection, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane
2007	<i>Earthly reflections of heavenly things: Emily Kngwarreye, Asher Bilu and Leonard Brown</i> , The Ian Potter Museum of Art, The University of Melbourne, Victoria
	The Unusual Suspects III, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Paintings and Works on Paper, Michael Reid at Murrurundi, New South Wales
2006	<i>The Tallis Foundation 2006 National Works on Paper</i> , Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
	Doubletake, Museum of Brisbane, Queensland
	Colonial to Contemporary, Dell Gallery, Griffith University, Brisbane
	Into the Mystic: black and white prints, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Abstraction V, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	Gallery Artists, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2005	The Recent Past: Contemporary Acquisitions, 1995–2004, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane
	A Celebration: Charles Nodrum Gallery's 21st Birthday, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2004–05	Avalon: Artists in Residence, Museum of Brisbane, Queensland
2004	The Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
	Significant Tilt: Art and the Horizon of Meaning, Macquarie University, Sydney
	Modern Australian Paintings, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	The Unusual Suspects II, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
2003–04	Home Sweet Home: works from the Peter Fay collection, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
2003	The Unusual Suspects, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Abstraction III, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne

2002	Far From Home, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
	Gallery Artists Exhibition, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	Sydney Exhibition: Selected Paintings from the 1960s to the Present, Charles Nodrum Gallery @ Deutscher-Menzies Gallery, Sydney
	Abstraction, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
	Abstraction II, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
2001	Paperworks: Australian artists exploring drawing and the printed image, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
2000	Conrad Jupiters Art Prize, Gold Coast Arts Centre, Queensland
	Flash: a lucky dip fundraiser, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
	Journey of Light: art, creativity and the sacred, Global Arts Link, Ipswich, Queensland
1999	The Drawing Room: Contemporary Queensland Drawing, Brisbane City Gallery, Queensland
1998	<i>ex. cat.</i> , Smith and Stonely, Brisbane
1997	Now: 10th Anniversary of the Gallery Exhibition, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
	New Works on Paper: Annaoutopoulos, Brown, Cattapan, Staunton, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
1996	Recent Acquisitions, Brisbane City Gallery, Brisbane
1995	Contemporary Australian and International Art, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
	Salon x 3, Leonard Brown, Eugene Carchesio, Anne Wallace, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
1994	An Exotic Otherness, 'Crossing Brisbane Lines', Long Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania (touring)
	The Baillieu Myer Collection of the 1980s, Museum of Modern Art, Heide, Melbourne
	Remain in Light: Queer Photography, Blaxland Gallery, Sydney
	The John McCaughey Memorial Art Prize, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
1993	Contemporary Australian Painting: Works from the Allen, Allen and Hemsley Collection, Westpac Gallery, Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne
	Art right: in the public eye, School of Arts, Brisbane
	Remain in Light, Grace Brothers Gallery, Sydney
	Sshh, Mori Gallery, Sydney
	Approaches to the Sublime: Aspects of the Esoteric in Contemporary Painting, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
	Homage (International Aids Day) Artists' Friends Remembered, Rick's Bar, Brisbane
	Thought Painting: Leonard Brown, Elizabeth Coates, Clint Doyle, Susan Norrie, Stig Pearson, Scott Redford, Carole Roberts, Michael Milburn Gallery, Brisbane
	Selected Works from the Margaret Stewart Endowment, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
1992	Seven, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
	The Real Category (You Are Here), Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane

1991	Microcosm, Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
1990	L'été australien à Montpellier: 100 chefs-d'oevre de la peinture australienne, Musée Fabre, Galerie Saint Ravy, Montpelier, France
	100 Artists Against Animal Experimentation, Deutscher Gallery, Melbourne
	Second Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne
	<i>'4' Leonard Brown, Nicholas Nedekopoulos, Gwyn Hanssen Pigott, Patsy Healy</i> , Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
	Homage to Morandi, Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
	<i>Niagara Galleries Melbourne at Hill-Smith Fine Art Gallery</i> , Adelaide Festival of Arts Exhibition, South Australia
1988	A New Generation: Philip Morris Arts Grant, Australian National Gallery, Canberra
	Drawing in Australia: Drawings, Watercolours and Pastels from the 1770s to the 1980s (Bicentennial Exhibition), Australian National Gallery, Canberra
	First Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne
	9 x 5 mail, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Queensland
	The Melbourne Savage Club Invitation Art Prize, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
1987	Cool, Quiet, Art: Recent Work by Leonard Brown, Helen Lillicrap-Fuller, Madonna Staunton and June Tupicoff, City of Ipswich Gallery, Queensland
	Aberdare Prize for Landscape, City of Ipswich Gallery, Queensland
	Director's Choice, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
1986	Aberdare Prize for Still Life, City of Ipswich Gallery, Queensland
	A First Look, Philip Morris Arts Grant Purchases 1983–86, Australian National Gallery, Canberra
	December Exhibition, Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
1979	<i>Trustees' Purchase Exhibition</i> , L. J. Harvey Memorial Prize for Drawing, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
1973	Blake Prize for Religious Art, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
1968	Winter Exhibition, Contemporary Art Society, Brisbane
	Prize/Grants
2018	Finalist, Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Queensland
2010	Winner, 59th Blake Prize for Religious Art, The Blake Society, Sydney
1996	Brisbane City Council, Randell Studio, artist-in-residence
1975	Special Projects Grant from the Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council
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