

# 19 KAREN

contemporary **artspace**

## INVITATION

### Anne Smerdon

Solo exhibition: **Symbiosis**

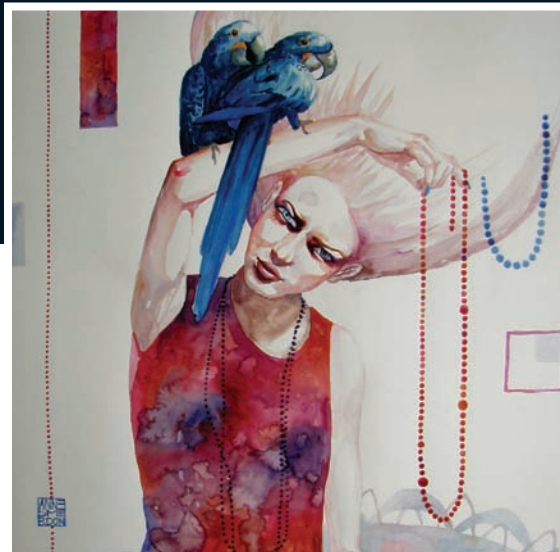
**18 February - 17 March 2012**

**Opening night: Sat 18 February | 6 - 8pm**

Please join us and the artist, Anne Smerdon, to celebrate the opening of her solo show on Saturday 18 February | 6 - 8pm

Drinks + Nibbles provided. RSVP by email or phone by 11 February

Guest speaker: Art Editor, Marina Saint Martin



*Deaf eyes moist in moonlight - 2011 (detail)*  
Watercolour on paper,  
60 x 50 cm



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### Bio

Anne Smerdon is an emerging Gold Coast based artist whose whimsical folk-fantasy works reflect her meticulous design skills and education as an architect. She holds a degree from the University of Queensland in Architectural Design and has shown her works in exhibitions throughout Australia, as well as in London and New York. Her portraits tell tales of autodidactic girls who have bridged the animal and human worlds to become one with nature, symbiotically nurturing fauna and flora and in turn, being nurtured by flora and fauna. She describes her works as visual narrations of the stories from within her head, which reflect her fascination with the notion of the fictional feral child of tales such as Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* and Henry De Vere Stacpoole's *The Blue Lagoon*.

### Artist's Statement

'Symbiosis' is a biological term that describes two species that live together in close association for a long period of time.

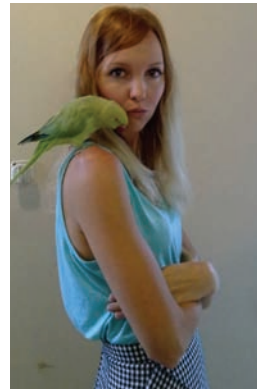
There are different types of symbiosis:

1. Parasitism, where one species benefits from the relationship, the other is harmed
2. Commensalism, where one species benefits, the other is relatively unharmed, and
3. Mutualism, where both species benefit from the relationship.

Predominantly my works depict mutually beneficial relationships of a nurturing and harmonious co-existence between human, plant and animal. But every now and then a tale of the darker side of symbiosis reveals itself in a work.

### Symbiosis

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