

19 KAREN

contemporary **artspace**

INVITATION

Thom Buchanan, Peter Drew & Rohan Fraser

Group exhibition: **Chapter 1: Menagerie**

26th March - 23rd April 2011

Opening night: Sat 26th March | 6 - 8pm

Please join us and the artists, Thom Buchanan, Peter Drew & Rohan Fraser, to celebrate the opening of their group show on Saturday 26th March | 6 - 8pm. Interview with the Artists will be conducted at 7pm. Drinks + Nibbles provided. RSVP by email or phone by 19th March



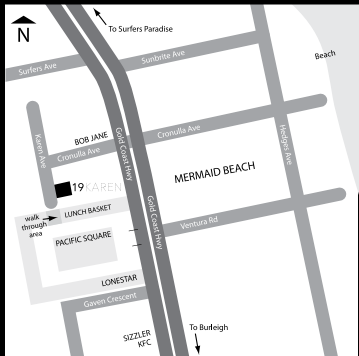
*Thom Buchanan - Consumed,
Acrylic and oil on canvas,
75 x 50 cm*



*Rohan Fraser
The Sit Down
2011, Oil on canvas,
122 x 152 cm*



*Peter Drew
The Man on the Bus
2010, Acrylic and
aerosol on canvas,
100 x 140 cm*



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Bio

Defined by their chosen medium and their self-curatorial stance, Thom Buchanan, Rohan Fraser and Peter Drew move against the grain of recent trends in contemporary art in a way that is both deliberate and distinctive. It is a stance that ultimately empowers the artists and their audience. These three artists have come together over the common bond of their chosen medium of painting and the necessity to reassert the unique qualities of that medium. In this sense, New Adelaide Painter's self-curatorial stance is a reaction against the bias of contemporary art towards the primacy of theory over craft.

Although there are formal and thematic commonalities to be found between the three artists, they are primarily united by geography and a mutual respect for the craft of their chosen medium. In this sense, the collective aims to, not only, capture the sense of regional diversity but also to assert the unique qualities of painting for the benefit of their audience.

Artist's Statement

Peter Drew was born and educated in Adelaide, Australia. He has been practicing as a visual artist since 2006 and publishing writing on visual arts since 2009. While making studio based work for the gallery he also creates uncommissioned art for the urban landscape. These works can be found in Berlin, Glasgow, London and Adelaide.

Since graduating in 2007, Rohan Fraser has been a full-time practicing artist, producing three solo shows and contributing to many group shows. He was recently granted a residency at the CARCLEW institute where he has produced new work for 19 Karen Gallery. Thom Buchanan has been exhibited at a number of galleries within Australia. Exhibiting consistently throughout Adelaide and has exhibited in Melbourne, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, N.S.W and Darwin. Recent success includes a selection for the 2010 Sunshine Coast Art Prize '10 finalist, QLD In 2011 He will be collaborating with ADT (Australian Dance Theatre) fusing Live Art, Music and Dance.

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