

Pieces of Eight Gallery presents

Through the Window;
Laura di Florio & Alida Cappelletta

3rd-21st June

Visible 24 hrs a day in the gallery window

Pieces of Eight's upcoming **Window Exhibition** showcases the exquisite works of artists, **Alida Cappelletta and Laura di Florio**. Both artists employ photographic media, Cappelletta creating highly personalised jewellery pieces and di Florio manifesting romantic images in object form.

Combining photographic images with layered perspex, di Florio's objects of beauty illustrate emotive and mysterious landscapes that sit between the realms of reality and fantasy. These visions, often void of human form exist simultaneously near to, and distant from the viewer, challenging our notions of time and space, past and present, fact and fiction.

Ideas of romance, the inherent beauty of the everyday environment, and the interior space of memory keep me continually interested... Utilising a layering technique via multiple exposures, an ordinary landscape or detail is imbued with a sense of richness and beauty, allowing it to be more mysterious and emotional - creating moments of discovery.

Laura di Florio, May 2008

Cappelletta's jewellery utilises old metal film containers that are fabricated in delicate ways often resembling structures observed in the natural world. Through their very materiality, they come to possess their own inherent preciousness. Her inspirations are drawn from organic plant forms, geometric shapes and tactile objects.

Discarded objects have never looked so alluring and tempting... After working as a part-time film developer (the) artist has pondered the fate of these metal film containers deemed useless... The result: Resumed Life. A complex body of intimate precious objects precariously manipulated as if they were fragile paper.

Alida Cappelletta, May 2008

Laura di Florio has previously held solo exhibitions at **Red Gallery**, Melbourne and **Pieces of Eight Gallery**. She completed a **Bachelor of Fine Art in Printmaking** (Honours) and **Diploma of Arts** from RMIT. In 2001 she was granted a Dual Award from RMIT.

Alida Cappelletta has exhibited extensively in Australia since 1996 and is stocked at several retail outlets around the country. After completing a **Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at Curtin University** she graduated from **Sydney College of Arts** in **Jewellery and Metal** and also studied at RMIT in **Gold and Silversmithing**.

Laura di Florio and Alida Cappelletta are both represented by **Pieces of Eight Gallery**.

Pieces of Eight Gallery, 635 Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy. Open Tuesday-Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday 11am-5pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Entry Free. For more information visit www.piecesofeight.com or telephone (03) 9429 8121.