



## **JON CATTAPAN: POSSIBLE HISTORIES**

BOOK LAUNCH @ SUTTON GALLERY  
BOOK SIGNING @ MELBOURNE ART FAIR 2008

*Jon Cattapan: Possible Histories*, a full colour monograph written by Dr Chris McAuliffe and published by Miegunyah Press, will be launched at Sutton Gallery on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm. This will coincide with the opening of a solo exhibition of Jon Cattapan's new major paintings here at Sutton Gallery from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. In celebration of this publication both Jon Cattapan and Chris McAuliffe will be at Sutton Gallery's stand at the Melbourne Art Fair for book signing on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm-5pm.

This book constitutes the first full account of the practice one of Australia's most highly regarded contemporary artists. The text maps the aesthetic and conceptual evolution of Cattapan's practice from early surrealist inspired works that emerged during his punk rock drenched student days in Melbourne, to more recent articulations of postmodern subjectivity, conveyed through his depictions of pulsing and fragmented urban environments.

Enjoying a long association with Cattapan, including curating a major survey exhibition of his work at the Ian Potter Museum of Art in 2006, Dr McAuliffe provides a unique insight into the complex range of themes and creative strategies adopted by the artist over the past three decades. With unlimited access to the artist and his studio, Dr McAuliffe incorporates extensive interviews and commentaries, alongside numerous illustrations of Cattapan's source materials and working processes.

Dr McAuliffe brings an enormous wealth of knowledge and authority to his examination of Jon Cattapan's practice. He is currently the Director of the Ian Potter Museum of Art at The University of Melbourne. A graduate of the University of Melbourne and of Harvard University, Dr McAuliffe has researched and written extensively on contemporary Australian art. His publications include *Art and Suburbia*, 1996, *Treasures: Highlights of the Cultural Collections of the University of Melbourne*, 2003, and *Linda Marrinon: Let Her Try*, 2007. A well-known media commentator on the arts, Dr McAuliffe is a regular presenter on ABC TV's Sunday Arts.

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