



## Deborah Paauwe

### *The Yellow Line*

#### OPENING

Saturday 13th March, 4pm – 6pm

#### EXHIBITION DATES

11 March – 10 April, 2010

Sutton Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of Deborah Paauwe's recent photographic series *The Yellow Line*. This fascinating body of work fuses the ubiquitous road marking of the yellow line with the artist's ongoing investigation of the female subject.

Much of Paauwe's childhood was spent on the road, traversing countless states of America as a passenger in the back of her parents' station wagon. Whereas road trips are typically associated with freedom, escape and the revitalising power of the open sky, these photographs explore something less liberating, an experience of restraint and prohibited boundary felt by the artist as a child.

The images in *The Yellow Line* are staged against a muted gray interior of an empty car park, with cropped female figures in each, somewhat akin to the framing device the car window provides as we attempt to look out onto the surroundings going by. These images appear somewhat voyeuristic and ominous, as if something indefinable is ever so slightly astray, suggesting the effects of childhood memories carried by the artist and their resonance within her adult life.

Deborah Paauwe completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Visual Arts) at the South Australian School of Art, University of South Australia in 1994, and in 2000 completed her MA in Fine Art at the Chelsea School of Art in London, UK. In the last 10 years Deborah has held more than 20 solo exhibitions within Australia, Spain and New Zealand. Her recent solo shows include *Carousel*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne, 2008, *Deborah Paauwe: Recent Work*, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales, 2007 and *Deborah Paauwe: photographic works, Australia: Art & About*, Art Statements Gallery, Hong Kong, 2006. Paauwe's work is held in a number of private and public collections, including Art Gallery of South Australia, Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne, National Gallery of Victoria and National Gallery of Australia.

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