

Mat Hughes

Photographic Artist

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Quiet time: Above Savage River & Selected Photographs 2015/8

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Opening 11th December, Quiet time: Above Savage River & Selected Photographs – is an exhibition by Elwood based photographic artist, Mat Hughes

The exhibition at the Angela Roberts-Bird Gallery at the Gasworks Arts Park, Port Melbourne explores the theme of; *space & time for personal reflection* and features 20 photographic works made over the last four years.

Mat Hughes was born in Libya and grew up in the UK before moving to Melbourne in 2019. In the early eighties he studied Photography at the Plymouth College of Art & Design before moving to London and working as a commercial freelance photographic assistant.

In 2012 with the birth of his daughter, Mat became a full time stay at home Dad. Between juggling the demands of home life, he has continued to pursue his photographic craft resulting in his first solo exhibition.

The work on display includes images made using traditional photographic techniques, through to digital hybrids that use a combination of analogue and digital process.

The series "Above Savage River" originates from a set of black & white pinhole camera images made during a trip to the Tarkine, Tasmania in 2016 and include diary entries annotated directly onto the print describing the conditions under which the photographs were made.

There is a strong compositional aesthetic flowing through the exhibition which evokes a sense of calm and balance. Mat Hughes' work references classic theme's such as strength, resilience, fragility & memory.

As well as offering a very personal insight into the artist, these photographs remind us that beauty and mystery is there to be found, often away from the granular sharpness of today's images, if we only take the time to look for it.

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Angela Roberts-Bird Gallery, Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park

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Free entry / Wheelchair Accessible
Gallery Open Daily 9.30am to 4pm

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