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The Spectral Scape

The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition *Spectral Scape* featuring works by a group of emerging and established artists interested in exploring the intersection of hauntology and lens-based techniques.

Hauntology is a term coined by philosopher Jacques Derrida to describe the ways in which the past continues to haunt the present. It is a concept taken up by contemporary artists and thinkers as a means of understanding the ways in which the past can exert a powerful influence on the present, even when it is not immediately apparent.

Artists Carolyn Craig, Damian Dillon, Clare Humphries, Roy Lee, David Manley and Justine Roche explore the ways in which hauntology is manifested in contemporary society. They are interested in how the history of photography is linked to practices that define both the landscape and capital economies, and building a research group that is a powerful cultural reflection on Australian identity. Through their work, they seek to uncover the hidden histories and ghostly traces that linger beneath the surface of our world.

This exhibition offers a unique opportunity to see the work of a group of artists who are pushing the boundaries of contemporary photography. Their works range from constructed landscapes to cutting edge use of satellite and drone imagery, and all are unified through a material interest in lens-based practices.

Short Statement

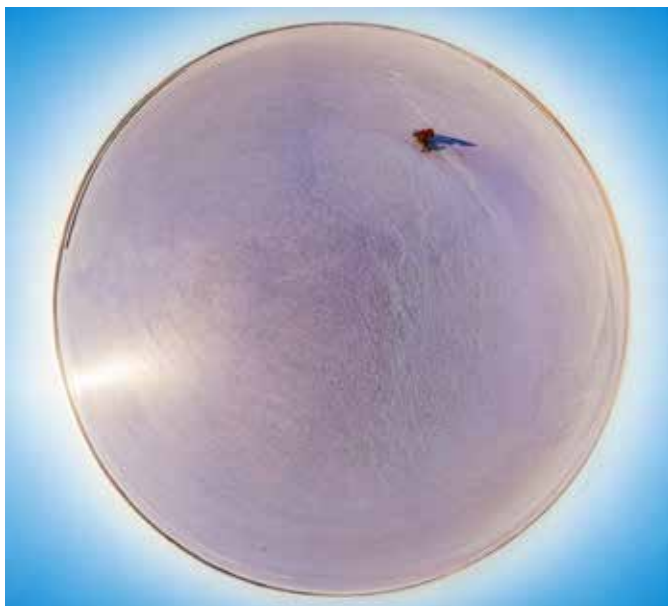
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The exhibition *Spectral Scape* looks at contemporary strategies of 'hauntology'.

Artists Carolyn Craig, Damian Dillon, Clare Humphries, Roy Lee, David Manley and Justine Roche work engage with the relationship between photography, memory, and the passage of time, and often seek to evoke a sense of the uncanny or otherworldly through the use of imagery and technique.



Damian Dillon, *Mustard Tiger*



Roy Lee, *History of the sky 02*



Carolyn Craig, *Who Gets The Rose, holding the line*



Justine Roche, *Reflection Middle 2*


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