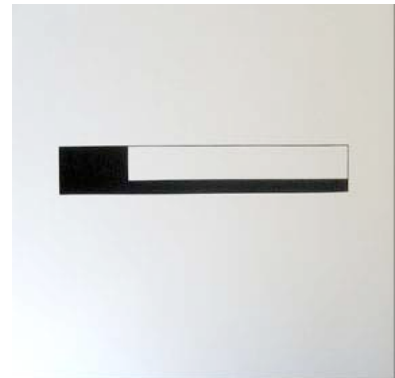

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PRESS RELEASE

Craig Easton: CONTAINER

6–30 September 2007

With CONTAINER, Craig Easton has created a new body of abstract paintings working through the possibilities suggested by Formalist, Minimalist, Pop, and architecturally derived practices.



The reflective, industrial like surfaces of high gloss enamel, framing glass, and aluminium meets the 'total' flatness of matt paint on canvas. The masking taped edges of Formal geometry meet strangely organic motifs where the masking tape becomes drawing 'tool' and 'subject' in its own right. Figurative allusions are made but never asserted. While an installation of box frames reconsiders the frame itself, not as a decorative device, but as its own architectural space. In Craig Easton's CONTAINER, abstraction is anything but empty.

A regular exhibitor in commercial, institutional and artist run spaces, CONTAINER is Easton's nineteenth solo show and his third with Nellie Castan Gallery. Other recent shows include his first solo exhibition in Brisbane with Ryan Renshaw Gallery (August 07). In July he was a finalist in the Arthur Guy Memorial Prize at Bendigo Gallery. In 2006 he was curated into *Respirator* at Conical ARI (Melbourne) and also had a body of work exhibited at the Melbourne Art Fair (Nellie Castan Gallery).

A Masters Graduate of RMIT University, Easton has lectured in the Painting Departments of RMIT, Monash, and the Victorian College of the Arts as well as being a Visiting Artist at Canberra's National Institute of the Arts.

His work is held in collections including National Gallery of Victoria, ArtBank, Federal Court of Australia, National Australia Bank (Australia & UK), Siemens, The Art Trust, TXU.

Born in Dunedin, New Zealand, Easton lives and works in Melbourne.

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