
• nellie castan gallery

PRESS RELEASE

megan walch: tinglish

15 september – 8 october 2005

'Tinglish' is the word used for those delightful perversions of the English language commonly found in Thailand, which are both humorous and often insightful.

Asian versions of western imagery, and vice versa, Asian style as it is translated in the west; is a form of cross-cultural interaction that is often more notional than it is physical. This collision and amalgamation gives rise to a newly emerging culture characterized by recycling and recombination; a flood of mutated and pirate copies. It's all re-loaded and re-mixed.

The paintings for Nellie Castan Gallery were developed during an Asialink residency at Khon Kaen University in the far north east of rural Thailand. The large scroll paintings pursue my interest in tattooing, calligraphy, chinoiserie, and truck scroll-work as they intersect with elements of the decorative in Thai culture. The small pieces extract elements and combinations that influence the larger works.



Megan Walch June 2005

After an extensive exhibition history in Australia, Megan Walch was the 1994–96 Samstag International Travelling Scholarship recipient, enabling the completion of her Masters of Fine Arts from the San Francisco Art Institute in California. Since then she has successfully shown her work in major solo and group shows both nationally and internationally at: Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne; Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney; Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra; Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco; Ace Gallery, New York; RB Stevenson Gallery, San Diego; Beizel Gallery, New York and The Meat Market Fair, New York.

In 2004 Walch was the winner of the Conrad Jupiters Art Prize and Inaugural Winner of the Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Painting Prize at the Gold Coast City Art Gallery.

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