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## PRESS RELEASE

### prudence flint

#### *four wheel drive*

3 - 25 march 2006

*Four wheel drive* is **Prudence Flint's** first solo exhibition at Nellie Castan Gallery. Exploring driven states of solitude through female portraiture, **Flint** presents an array of female protagonists: drivers in stripes, public speakers, futuristic aviators, travellers, and dog walkers.



**Flint's** subjects, contained and measured, inhabit spaces within the formal protocols of picture making. Moving between the real and the unreal, sombre abstractions sit alongside illusionist depictions.

In 2004 **Flint** won the prestigious Doug Moran National Portrait Prize. She has been exhibiting since 1990 and is currently undertaking a Masters in Painting at Monash University. She has had several previous solo exhibitions at both artist-run spaces and commercial galleries and has been invited into numerous curated exhibitions in Melbourne, Sydney and Queensland, including *Lovers* at Heide MOMA, *Aesthetic Illusions* at Arts Victoria, *The Influence of Anxiety* at Blindside Artist Run Space and *Eye to I* at Ballarat Fine Art Gallery in August 2007.

Invitational prize exhibitions include the *Geelong Contemporary Art Prize*; *National Works on Paper* at MPRG; the *Darebin - La Trobe Acquisitive Art Prize*; the *Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize*; the *Conrad Jupiter Art Prize* and the *Portia Geach Memorial Award*. She is currently a finalist in the *2006 Archibald Portrait Prize*.

**Flint** has also received a grant from the City of Melbourne for the *The Library Series*. Her paintings have been acquired by the City of Port Phillip, Artbank, BHP Billiton and private collections.

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level 1, 12 river street, south yarra, victoria 3141  
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exhibition ends: sunday 25 march  
hrs: tuesday to sunday 12-5pm t: 03 9804 7366

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