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## PRESS RELEASE

### wayne eager: *new work*

1 – 25 november 2007

**Wayne Eager** is an artist of integrity whose life has been devoted to discovering the purity of painting. A founding member of Roar Studios which predominantly exhibited the neo-expressionist work of young Melbourne artists; Eager has been a significant contributor to modern developments in Australian landscape painting defining him more specifically as an abstract expressionist painter. *New Work* at **Nellie Castan Gallery** presents new paintings by **Eager**, continuing in the abstract expressionist thread and further developed into contemporary ensembles of colour, form and shape.



Included in this exhibition are **Eager's** first series of diverse and richly coloured etchings developed at Northern Editions printmaking studio in Darwin in December 2006. These etching have been inspired by the Territory landscape and the artist's recent travels to Europe, and show a resonant translation of ideas from canvas to print.

**Eager** has lived in Central Australia for the last 12 years, Alice Springs since 1998. Having lived for over a decade far from Australia's urban centers, **Eager's** paintings have developed an even stronger bond with the land and are clearly influenced by the Indigenous artists with whom he has worked over this period.

*My paintings are arrived at through a distillation process of a series of overlaid marks and shapes. In the 1990s I was more interested in a depiction of the landscape surrounds, whilst now the paintings are more non-representational (abstract).*

Other influences **Eager** sites are the modernist era artists such as Picasso, Klee, Matisse and Cobra and from Australia Ian Fairweather and Tony Tuckson.

**Eager** has exhibited widely around Australia is well represented in major public collections including the National Gallery of Australia and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney. This is his third solo exhibition at Nellie Castan Gallery.

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exhibition ends: sunday 25 november  
hrs: tuesday to sunday 12–5pm t: 03 9804 7366

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