

Lily Hibberd

ENDLESS SUMMER (sunglasses & the spectacle of vision)

Opening 6pm Thur 28 August 2008

29 August – 27 September

Gallery Talk 3pm Friday 29 August



Endless Summer chronicles one man's obsession with sunglasses. The exhibition consists of a sequence of portraits of the man wearing his collection of sunglasses, in which each of the 37 images is the same except he's wearing a different pair, one for every summer of his life.

The gallery space is constructed as a viewing experience with two floor-to-ceiling tinted acrylic panels that can be looked through like lenses. A voice-over monologue accompanies the installation, with the man recollecting his summers past, including his childhood in Croatia, as he tries on each pair.

The work sets up a comparison between sunglasses, photography and vision, exploring the implications of the lens and framing, as well as the varying capacities of each to contain time and memorialise. Adopted by twentieth-century fashion and celebrity culture, sunglasses are revealing embodiments and representations of human desire. *Endless Summer* looks at the psychological and cultural aspects of sunglasses, focusing on their status as objects and instruments of altered perception, from both sides of the lens.

Lily Hibberd is a visual artist who works with painting, photography and installation. She has held eleven solo exhibitions since 1998, in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne. As founding editor of *un* Magazine, she is actively involved in the publication of arts writing and is a frequent contributor to various visual art forums. Lily Hibberd is represented by Karen Woodbury Gallery, Melbourne and is a current resident of Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces.

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