

# ART FORUM

Friday March 14 2008

## Heather Winter



Heather Winter *I'll just say I found you first*, photograph

Heather Winter has been inspired by her 9 year appointment by the Ngarinyin Aboriginal Corporation as consultant and curator of *Mamaa The Untouchable Ones Cave to Canvas* Wanjina rock art galleries of the North West Kimberley. In 2005, for collaborative projects with the Ngarinyin community Winter was awarded the Australian Humanitarian Award for Arts, Media & Entertainment (2005) and in 2008 she was awarded a Human Rights scholarship to commence a PhD at Melbourne University to further examine theoretical models of cross cultural dialogue, artistic practice and exchange.

She has recently returned from London where she curated and worked collaboratively with the Ngarinyin artists on an exhibition at the Australian High Commission. Following that Winter developed a project responding to 720 glass plate negatives from an archive of 1900's Viennese pictorialist photographer

Paul Pichier, from the Nationale Bibliothek, resulting in a solo exhibition in Vienna. ([www.pichier.at](http://www.pichier.at))

Specializing in cross cultural dialogue, engagements include participation in the National Academy of Arts, Svoboda, Sofia, Sozopol, Black Sea, Bulgaria, Eastern Europe (2006) A.I.R NAIRS, Kulturzentrum NAIRS Art E Cultura in Engiadina, Switzerland.(2005) and The Federal Arts Council of Austria, A.I.R. Artist in residence program, Vienna (2003 & 2007) with exhibitions in over 50 national and international solo/group exhibitions. Experiencing shifting cultures and landscapes, Winter's work is informed by cross cultural encounters of disparate worlds from Ngarinyin Aboriginal Landscapes to the bombed devastation of Belgrade and New York City (2001) and reflection on her Swiss father's flight from Iran as a refugee in the 40s. Fears emerge when boundaries are trespassed, transgressed or destroyed. The works are about personal encounters between disparate worlds.

**12.30 pm Dechaineux Lecture Theatre**  
**Tasmanian School of Art-Hobart, University of Tasmania**