



New Zealand Pavilion 53rd International Art Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia 2009

Judy Millar, *Giraffe-Bottle-Gun*: La Maddalena, Campo della Maddalena, Strada Nova, Cannaregio

Two artists will represent New Zealand at the **53rd International Art Exhibition** – La Biennale di Venezia; **Judy Millar's** installation, *Giraffe-Bottle-Gun*, curated by Leonhard Emmerling and **Francis Upritchard's** installation, *Save Yourself* curated by Heather Galbraith and Francesco Manacorda.

From 7 June– 22 November 2009 **Judy Millar's** installation will be at the Neo-Classical structure La Maddalena, the only circular church in Venice, designed by Tommaso Temanza and built in 1780. The church is situated on the Strada Nova, one of Venice's main thoroughfares, parallel to the Grand Canal on one of the prominent walking routes between Venice's train station and the Rialto.

The exhibition will consist of a cylindrical painting sited in the centre of the church of La Maddalena measuring 535 x 600 cm. Several shaped canvases ranging in size from 800 x 330 cm to 500 x 255 cm will lean against the walls of the church.

The exhibition *Giraffe-Bottle-Gun* will instigate a lively dispute with the venue in which it is intrudes, between the great history of Venetian painting and this contemporary practice.

The generous and unusual physical dimensions of La Maddalena are central to **Judy Millar's** exhibition *Giraffe-Bottle-Gun*, allowing a full play of spatial disruptions, dislocations and inversions. A large visceral image will surge and loop around the circular space, channelling the path of the viewer and establishing views and vistas around and across the architectural space. Tensions between notions of inside and outside, large and small and real and illusionistic space will unfold.

Francis Upritchard, *Save Yourself*: Fondazione Claudio Buziol, Palazzo Mangilli-Valmarana, Sestiere Cannaregio

Both projects are being developed in association with Commissioner **Jenny Harper** and are initiatives of **Creative New Zealand the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa**.

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