

MEDIA RELEASE - for immediate release

John R Walker

a survey exhibition

Terroir: Big Land Pictures

15 March - 27 April 2014
Orange Regional Gallery
Byng St, Orange NSW

In this exhibition spanning over a decade of John R Walker's practice, we find big paintings for an even bigger landscape. Walker, who lives and works in Braidwood in the Southern Tablelands of NSW, has painted this region since he moved there in 2002. Walker's large scale canvasses are truly immersive experiences and the opportunity to see these master works gathered together in a single space is not to be missed.

a solo exhibition

22 March - 26 April 2014
Utopia Art Sydney
2 Danks Street, Waterloo NSW

Opening Saturday 22 March, 3 - 5pm

To coincide with Walker's survey at Orange Regional Gallery, Utopia Art Sydney will be staging an exhibition of the artist's most recent canvasses and works on paper.

In October 2013, Walker travelled by car from Braidwood to Broken Hill and beyond, documenting the new landscapes he encountered in gouache on paper. Back in his studio, he continues to paint those landscapes, along with ones closer to home - from a bend in the Darling River to the Doughboy hills near Braidwood.

In Walker's typical style, scrawling lyrical marks play against expansive washes to create representations that flirt with abstraction - striving to evoke that feeling of being in and moving through a landscape.

a public events program

As part of **Art Month Sydney, 2014**, the following special events will be held at Utopia Art Sydney during John R Walker's exhibition:

- **Saturday 22 March, 4pm**
- gallery floor talk from John R Walker
- **Wednesday 26 March, 6pm for 6.30-8pm**
- Landscape NOW, roundtable discussion
- Artist Profile is bringing together a group of artists, writers and curators to discuss landscape painting today... more information to come!

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John R Walker, Dawn, 2013, archival oil on polyester, 123 x 91 cm