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ROBERT McFARLANE RECEIVED MOMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY 1961-2009

Adelaide born photographer, Robert McFarlane, has captured some of Australia’s most memorable photographic images during a career spanning more than 40 years. Received Moments, the first comprehensive survey of his work is set to open at Flinders University City Gallery on October 29th.

Curated by Sarah Johnson and toured by Manly Art Gallery & Museum, the exhibition includes over 80 images as well as McFarlane’s critical writings, publications, diaries, notebooks and catalogues revealing key events and figures in Australia’s social, political and cultural landscapes.

Since the 1960s, McFarlane has been an influential figure in Australian photographic practice and criticism. From documenting events such as the arrival of the Beatles to Sydney in 1964, the political and social campaigning of Charles Perkins in the 1960s, key political figures in the Australian political landscape such as Bob Hawke and Gough Whitlam, film, theatre and performing arts, to personal and moving social portraits of Australian society, McFarlane’s photography is broad in scope and appeal.

Robert McFarlane’s photography is not simply about documenting moments and experiences but about what occurs during the photographic process.

McFarlane says: “I see making pictures as a receiving of the image. Where you stand, both physically and emotionally, decrees the kind of picture you, through your camera, will ‘receive’ ” - Received Moments, exhibition catalogue, 2009.

McFarlane’s works are held in major gallery collections including The National Gallery of Australia, The Art Gallery of New South Wales, The National Library of Australia, The National Portrait Gallery and private collections. He is also an acclaimed photographic writer and critic, writing for publications such as The Sydney Morning Herald, The Bulletin, Art + Australia and The Good Weekend.

Exhibition opening 6-8pm Tuesday 8 November 2011
Opening speaker Robyn Archer, AO
Floortalk 2pm Saturday 19 November 2011
Robert McFarlane
Exhibition dates 29 October – 11 December 2011
Location Flinders University City Gallery, State Library, North Terrace, Adelaide
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Gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 11-4, Saturday & Sunday 12-4

Image: Robert McFarlane, Robyn Archer in ‘Tonight- Lola Blau’, Adelaide, 1980, archival pigment print, 25.5 x 16.5cm
Robert McFarlane is represented by Josef Lebovic Gallery, Sydney.

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