MEDIA RELEASE

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“Spirit in the Land is about iconic works that talk about the land and their relationship to the formation of an Australian identity”

Robert Lindsay, Director, McClelland Gallery+Sculpture Park

The landscape has been an enduring subject in the history of Australian art and vital to the on-going formation of images of a national identity. Within this tradition Spirit in the Land explores the connection between eleven Australian artists, historical and contemporary, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and their special appreciation and engagement to the spiritual ethos and power of the land.

Unearthing shared themes and cultural exchanges, the exhibition brings together key paintings and sculptures by some of Australia’s most influential artists; Lorraine Connelly-Northey, John Davis, Russell Drysdale, Rosalie Gascoigne, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Dorothy Napangardi, Sidney Nolan, John Olsen, Lin Onus, Rover Thomas and Fred Williams. It comprises over 40 works drawn from private, state and public gallery collections throughout Australia.

The exhibition is jointly curated by Robert Lindsay, Director, McClelland Gallery+Sculpture Park, and McClelland’s Senior Curator, Penny Teale, and is accompanied by a fully-illustrated comprehensive catalogue. Spirit in the Land is toured by NETS Victoria and is supported by Visions of Australia.

Further details at: www.netsvictoria.org.au

Exhibition opening 6-8pm Friday 26 August
Opening speaker Penny Teale, Senior Curator, McClelland Gallery+Sculpture Park
Floortalk Curator Penny Teale
5.30pm Friday 26 August
Exhibition dates 27 August – 23 October 2011
Location Flinders University City Gallery
State Library of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide
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city.gallery@flinders.edu.au ** www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum
Gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 11-4, Saturday & Sunday 12-4

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