

Varuna – Collective Exhibition

Medium : Fine Art Photographic Works

Date : 27th November 2011 - 1st February 2012

Location : The Dunalley Waterfront Café 4 Imlay Street Dunalley

Photographers: Duncan Giblin, Jimmy Emms, Stuart Gibson, Jasmin Latona

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Opening : Sunday 27th November. Opening address by Dr Varuni Kalurasaka.

The Hindu God Varuna originally a sky god – whose name means "the one who covers everything." Varuna represents nature's order in the universe against the forces of chaos. The early Hindu belief was that the Indian god of the sea, Varuna, lives in a celestial ocean, watching the deeds of folks down below.

Throughout the ages the sea was always seen as mysterious, a gateway to the divine. In a ritual known as the 'Varuna Yajna', followers of Varuna appeal to the god of water to invoke the deity for peace and prosperity.

With the mystery and power of the sea in mind, a passionate group of professional photographers have provided select images, that to them, represent the battle between order and chaos of the sea and its meeting place with us, the coast. The domain of Varuna is explored through each photographer's personal connection with the ocean.

The Artists

Duncan Giblin

Curator of the show and Dunalley Waterfront Café resident artist Duncan Giblin wanted to work with other photographers to produce a show that shared the same passion for the ocean on more than just a visual level.

"For me the sea means life. The life in the energy of a wave, in the birds feeding, as a fish is trapped by the wind and the tides, or the heron that sits silently until the perfectly timed contact with its prey, the contrast between still lagoons and the violence of the southern ocean outside. The ocean can be a place to meditate and a place to inspire awe, changing from one to the other in a moment."
- Duncan Giblin.

I chose the following photographers because their styles were different from mine and each other, but all sharing the same passion and emotional connection for the ocean and her coast. As a group I knew we could help share the diversity, grace and power of the ocean through unique imagery.

Stuart Gibson

Stu Gibson's style has always appealed to me as his raw and powerful images do not lose sight of the subtle things that not only make his work uniquely beautiful, they make it uniquely his. One of Australia's top sports photographers, Stuart's passion and skills has earned him international recognition.

Jasmin Latona

Jasmin Latona is a talented and well published architectural photographer. Jasmin escapes the constructs of her commercial photography by exploring where her technical expertise and comprehensive understanding of natural light will take her. Jasmin adds soothing and insightful images from her beloved Bruny Island and D'Entrcausteaux channel.

Jimmy Emms

Jimmy has had a love of surf and the coast since a young age. Jimmy has produced a new series of works where he has captured an emotion as much as an image. These works have the feel of highly considered impressionist oil. Strong and rich, these images also portray the subtlety and strength of feeling in Jimmy's connection with the water.

The opening will be conducted by Dr Varuni Kulasekera, Chosen also for her love of the natural world. That is evident in both her scientific interest and emotional connection to her new island home. When you eat insightfully prepared seafood at her restaurant, Chado, or talk to Varuni of the seabirds and their ways this love of the ocean is clearly very much a part of her.