

Media Release

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Simon Maberley REFRACTION

Another stunning exploration of the brilliant potential of glass opens to the public this weekend in the National Art Glass Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. *Refraction* features recent works from one of Australia's most exciting and innovative glass artists, Simon Maberley, known internationally for his unique figurative sculptures constructed from glass and metal.

The stunning marionette-like works on display in *Refraction* ask the viewer many questions about contemporary life and the individuals place within it. These jointed, mould-blown glass figures, male or female, imply notions of identity while the supporting and suspending glass hands, steel cables and structures that bring them to life, reference elements that play a role in the creation of the individual.

Simon Maberley is a Sydney based sculptor and glass artist. He has studied at Sydney College of the Arts and Ohio State University in the USA, and has also travelled and worked in the United Kingdom, Italy, New Zealand and Japan. His work is exhibited regularly both in Australia and overseas, and is represented in corporate, public and private collections.

The artist himself describes the works in *Refraction* as continuing his interest in the figure as a starting point for a reference to the notion of self. "The sculptures are also about how light shifts with the density of its medium and the refraction as it interacts with materials it passes through or reflects off."

"In combining these two aspects, I am interested in the metaphor and interpretive links between light and self that the sculptures generate. How do we bridge the gap between self and image, between understanding and ignorance? The observation of the movement of light within the passing of time may provide a link."

Refraction will be open to the public from Saturday 25 August until Sunday 25 November in the National Art Glass Gallery at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. The exhibition will be officially launched on Friday 12 October, from 6pm until 8pm.

Exhibition Dates

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Where: National Art Glass Gallery, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Cost: Free