



CHAPTER HOUSE LANE

HELEN JOHNSON

'Time Enough For Love'

EXHIBITION: 7 November – 31 December 2013

LAUNCH: Thursday 7 November, 6-8pm



Helen Johnson, *Bath Day*, Acrylic on canvas, 18 x 24 inches, 2013

Chapter House Lane marks its second anniversary with a show by local painter Helen Johnson. Celebrate the occasion with drinks from 6-8pm, Thursday 7 November.

Johnson's painting has moved from the figurative, literal, to the abstract, expressive. The shift has caused her little angst, rather it's a naturally inquisitive, exploration of the medium; her nimble mind now using the room it has created to synthesise the ideas sifting from her subconscious to the conscious.

Camouflage kangaroos, CAPTCHA technology and Kippenberger all come into play for different reasons. But Johnson's treatment is confident to the point she'll let you be in your interpretation and extrapolation. Avoiding prescription, her art mirrors the well-known writers' edict 'show, don't tell'.

In what has been a busy year for Johnson, she maintains an ability for quiet protest, and a love of place, that place – *Australia* – a concept we are all at risk of rubbishing (or worse, ignoring) at times. Sometimes the kindest thing we can do is be cruel, to shine a light and sharpen the wit.

It's what separates us from the bots trawling the net. We meet in the middle, we laugh, we have *time enough for love*.

~Helen Johnson appears at Chapter House Lane courtesy of Sutton Gallery~

LOCATION: Chapter House Lane,
entry via Flinders Lane, Melbourne

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