



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Night Visions: Cattapan Official Art Arrives

This Friday at the Australian War Memorial, Australia's most recent official war artist Jon Cattapan, will present his works from East Timor.

"Jon Cattapan's works have only just arrived at the Memorial this week, so it's a great opportunity to display the Memorial's latest official war art," said Nola Anderson, Assistant Director for National Collection.

"During his time in East Timor, he took digital images through night vision goggles, which became the inspiration for the paintings he produced as a response to his experience.

"Cattapan's work will be a valuable addition to the National Collection, helping our visitors to interpret East Timor peacekeeping operations through art," Ms Anderson said.

Jon Cattapan is a prolific and significant Australian artist who has exhibited extensively in Australia and overseas and is represented in most major Australian public collections. His work often deals with the complex relationship people have with their environment and the global digital world.

He currently works as Associate Professor and Coordinator of Postgraduate Studies at the Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne. He was previously a lecturer in drawing at the Canberra School of Art.

This preview is open to the public from Friday 29 May to Sunday 31 May. The Australian War Memorial is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 10am to 5pm. Entry is free.

<b>What:</b>	Media preview of Jon Cattapan's works
<b>Where:</b>	Western Courtyard Gallery Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT
<b>When:</b>	12pm Friday 29 May 2009
<b>Photo opps:</b>	Jon Cattapan with his works

**Further information:**

[http://www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/war\\_artists/](http://www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/war_artists/)

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