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# SU BAKER

## On painting: Early release

6 - 28 November 2009

### John Buckley Gallery

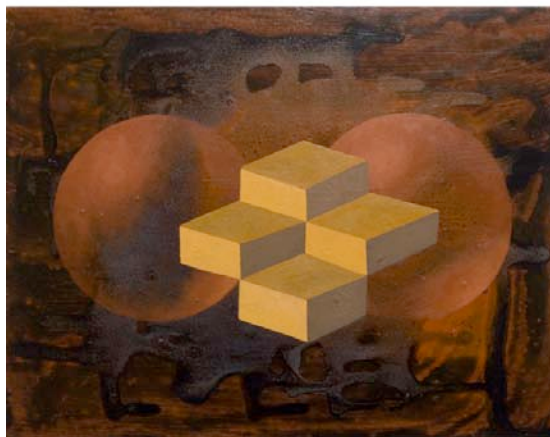
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**Su Baker** *Untitled 2* 2008

Acrylic on canvas

41 x 51 cm

### Press release

Su Baker's paintings have been described as 'excitations' in paint as she immerses herself in the sheer pleasure of mixing it, of throwing it, of pouring it and of corrupting it with other painters 'potions'. Like a passionate scientist, Baker revels in the painterly effects her experiments yield and so too does her audience as the results are aesthetically wonderful. Baker's work nods towards abstraction, yet the spontaneity and intuitivism with which she handles her medium can be likened to techniques developed by the mid 20C action painters. As the title of her exhibition 'On Early Release' implies, Baker lets the paint guide her, she releases it, sometimes early, sometimes too late but always celebrating the corruptions and fluctuations of the painterly surface.

Associate Professor Su Baker has exhibited nationally over the last 20 years in public and commercial galleries, including numerous solo and selected group exhibitions and national survey shows. In 2003 she received a New Work Grant, Visual Arts Grants; in 2000 she spent time at the Milan Studio, granted from the Australia Council where she developed new work exhibited at Boutwell Draper Gallery in Sydney in 2001; Winner of the 1996 Portia Geach Memorial Award. She has received University of Sydney research support grants in 1993 and 1994; an overseas Development Grant, Italian Studio, VACB, Australia Council; 1991 Project Grant, Visual Arts/Crafts Board, Australia Council; 1988 Visiting Artist, Curtin University of Technology, WA 1987; Half Standard Grant, Visual Arts/Craft Board, Australia Council, 1987; Project Grant, Visual Arts Board, Australia Council, 1986. Her work has been collected by private and public collections that include: Art Bank Collection, ACTA Shipping Collection, Alexander Library Collection (WA State Library), Art Gallery of Western Australia, Curtin University of Technology, R&I Bank Collection, Robert Holmes a Court Collection, Wagga Regional Gallery, Private Collections.

Su Baker is currently Head of the School of Art at the Victorian College of the Arts.

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**Top left:**

**Su Baker** *Untitled 3* 2008  
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41 x 51 cm

**Top right:**

**Su Baker** *Untitled 6* 2008  
Acrylic on canvas  
41 x 51 cm

**Bottom left:**

**Su Baker** *Untitled 5* 2008  
Acrylic on canvas  
41 x 51 cm

**Bottom right:**

**Su Baker** *Untitled 8* 2008  
Acrylic on canvas  
41 x 51 cm

