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# MICK TURNER

## *New Works - Canvas, Print & Bronze*

Opening: Thursday 19 October (6 – 8pm)  
Dates: 19 – 23 October 2006

Gallery Details: 11am – 6pm (Thursday - Monday)

blank\_space Gallery  
374 Crown St  
Surry Hills  
Sydney

Famed as the laconic guitarist from the *Dirty Three*, Mick Turner has been a painter most of his life. Instantly recognizable, his works are mysterious narrations involving a menagerie of iconic characters moved by and moving in intractable landscapes of gestural marks. His paintings are well known as the cover art for all seven *Dirty Three* albums as well as being collected overseas and in Australia.

While Turner's art has a strong history of naivism, his paintings also have connections to shimmering 19<sup>th</sup> century impressionism and pop art; the acrylic paint lending a wry flatness to the narration. The events in Turner's paintings are often dreamlike and illogical, with emotion the overriding focus. Remarkable is Turner's real engagement with the Australian landscape, depicted as a free, wild place where anything may happen, where the most ordinary of scenes or events can be miraculous or astonishing.

This exhibition is part of Sydney/Melbourne *gallery swap* project – a unique event in the Australian art calendar. Sydney's **blank\_space gallery** initiated the *gallery swap* by posting a note on their web-site. BRIGHTSPACE from St Kilda, Melbourne thought it would be a great opportunity to take a new Mick Turner show North as his Melbourne show in March had been a sell-out.

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