

An International Photographic Portrait Exhibition

“ IN THE HOUSE OF THE MUSES “

and

“ ANTIPODEANS OF NOTE “

Faces of Australia and The Bibliotheca Alexandrina

By Photographer Susie Hagon and Artist Darian Zam.

An Inspirational Legacy of the Ancient Library in Alexandria, Egypt.

The Ancient Library of Alexandria was one of the most ambitious and exciting intellectual ventures in the history of humanity. For the first time in history 2,300 years ago, an attempt was made to collect universal knowledge, codify, organize it and open up cultures to each other.

The modern Library of Alexandria the BA had its inaugural opening in 2002 and has become a landmark building of Architecture and Culture in Alexandria, Egypt and the Middle East.

Our project is inspired by this legacy

Photographer Susie Hagon and artist Darian Zam have combined their artistic talents to brilliant effect enabling them to present a visual body of work themed on the cross-cultural exchange of knowledge and creativity.

Lorenzo Montesini, Chairman of the Australian Friends of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and Photographer Susie Hagon a committee member of the friends of the BA, travelled to Alexandria Egypt in April 2007 to take a series of portraits of faces of the of the BA, the result of a fascinating collection of people working in the Library from the Professor's of Manuscripts, Antiquities, Architecture and Science to The Chief Librarian and Academics from all fields.

We are simultaneously working on portraits of iconic and creative Australians in their various fields to mirror the Egyptian side of the oeuvre such as.... John Olsen, Tim Storrier, Margaret Olley, John Laws, Cate Blanchett, Nicole Kidman, Garry Shead, Maggie Alderson, William Yang, Louis Morley, Lisa McGuigan, Sandy Gore, Lucy Turnbull, Christine Manfield, Guy Leech, Andrew Ettinghausen, Sir Gus Nossal, and so many more.... Writers, artists, actors, scientists, academics, chiefs and athletes to the quintessential Australian that farms the land.

The exhibition will open at the Egyptian Consulate General, Sydney May 2nd, 2008.

The program will proceed as follows..

The Egyptian Embassy, Canberra June 2008

The Egyptian Consulate Melbourne July 2008

The State Library of South Australia, Adelaide August 2008

The State Museum and Gallery of Tasmania, Hobart September 2008

The exhibition will travel aboard to The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria Egypt,
October 2008

The Australian Embassy, Cairo November 2008

2009 New York and London dates yet to be confirmed.

2009 to travel to Regional galleries throughout Australia.

The Exhibition is in collaboration with The Australian Friends of the BA to promote the wonderful institution that it represents throughout Egypt and the Middle East and to promote understanding and awareness of Australians here and abroad.

An exhibition of Cross Cultural exchange.