



RED SEA GALLERY

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**UNITY,
AN EXHIBITION BY CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS RICK COOK AND PETER USHER
13 September to 3 October 2019**

Broaden your horizons with 'Unity', an exhibition by contemporary Australian artists Rick Cook and Peter Usher. United in their portrayal of strength and depth in nature, observe how the duo complement the exhibition's theme with Cook's glass works discovering nature from an aerial standpoint and Usher's conceptual sculptural wall art using mixed mediums.



PETER USHER

Usher breathes life into his art through his creative use of paint and mediums. His artworks sensitively combine natural elements of colour, mediums, shape and texture without losing the essence of nature, displaying the diverse variations of different compositions that are found within the landscape. The end result is a fusion of his perspective on nature that resonates within the viewers' imagination, naturally inviting a positive response.

With paintings that are visually beautiful and conceptually strong, Usher's artworks are a dialogue addressing his ongoing and deepening relationship to the natural environment within which he lives and works.

RICK COOK



Cook's canvas takes on the form of glass vessels; a medium he crafts in a molten state by hand at a furnace. Based on a reflection of nature and its environment, a series of glass colours are mixed with a visual in mind.

With limited control over how the patterns would result due to the developing technique, Cook does his part to ensure the harmony, form and flow are ideal while shaping and polishing the blown glass.

The patterns that are generated in his surfaces incorporate dried watercourses on coastal coral reef structures and Pindan plains, a red-soil country of the south-western Kimberley region of Western Australia. Cook tries to encapsulate the infinite vast panoramas of the Pilbara, both coastal and inland, within the three dimensional forms of his works.

Embracing how no two people are alike, Cook appreciates the unique effects and interpretations his works will have on people.

EXHIBITION DATES

13 September through 3 October 2019

11am - 8pm daily

ABOUT RICK COOK

Born in the Pilbara town of Karratha in 1972, Rick Cook now lives in Western Australia. Cook's glassblowing journey first began in 1994. He is inspired by what is around him; a morning sunrise, the bark on a tree or striations in a rock.

ABOUT PETER USHER

Born 1973, Peter Usher is a contemporary landscape painter based in Western Australia. His home studio is nestled in pristine native forest and close to the wild and unique coastline of the Great Southern region.

Since graduating from Curtin University, Perth, with a fine arts degree in 1995, Peter has won many art prizes and his work is now found in numerous private collections around the world.

ABOUT REDSEA GALLERY

Founded in 2001, REDSEA Gallery is one of Singapore's leading contemporary art galleries. It has firmly established its reputation, both locally and in the wider Asian art market, as an institution that represents a highly exclusive and international selection of well-respected and emerging artists.

REDSEA Gallery occupies a truly unique 600 square metre space at the heart of Dempsey Hill, once the colonial army barracks and now one of Singapore's architectural and cultural heritage sites. The gallery is used primarily for exhibitions but also as a venue for private and corporate events, offering a range of private client and corporate consultancy services, art rentals and art history talks.

