



**Gordon Craig**

***One Flash of Light***

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## Statement

Gordon Craig's *One Flash of Light* forms the seventh and final series of *A Cycle of Life* and reflects upon death and legacies.

Craig's parents migrated from Scotland to Australia in 1965, though they would return to Aberdeen they would never again live there. After the passing of his father in 2000, Craig felt it important to make the pilgrimage home. The series is filled with imagery of long gone eras, of mortality and the human desire to create a legacy and to endure, to allude death through the act of remembrance.

The title of the series is taken from David Bowie's *Ashes to Ashes* and reflects the transitional stage highlighted by the work. Craig's work deals with legacy and remembrance in a wider cultural context as referenced by the Scottish castles and the Italian sculpture studio but also on a more personal level through the revisiting of locations steeped in personal memory and emotion. These images in particular speak of the intangible and impressionable nature of memory and the impact of death upon recollections. There is an overwhelming sense of futility to the efforts as the landscape remains immovable around the crumbling relics and the solemn statue stands blighted.

Still the notion of creating a legacy looms large within our culture as we seek to be remembered long beyond our own time.

## Biography

Born in Brisbane, Gordon Craig completed a Master of Arts (Research) in 2005 at the Queensland University of Technology having previously studied at the University of Queensland and the Queensland College of Art, Griffith University. Craig served as Curator (Collections and Exhibitions) at the QUT Art Museum from 1999 to 2008 before taking up the position of Exhibitions Co-ordinator at the University of Queensland Art Museum. Craig has exhibited at the Centre for Contemporary Photography in Melbourne, the Prometheus Foundation on the Gold Coast and the Museo de la Taronga, Boriana, Spain as well as the Quac Art Space in Beijing. *One Flash of Light* is Craig's fourth solo exhibition at the Queensland Centre for Photography.

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