

# SENTINELS

## Leith Maguire

### 29 January to 7 March 2010



CAIRNS  
REGIONAL  
GALLERY

The depiction of the nude human form in art continues to be a preoccupation for many practitioners. My approach to drawing the female nude is driven by an interest in the actual process of creating form through line. It is this process of creation that fascinates me, rather than any desire for perceived outcome - I take pleasure in the simple act of pushing ink across textured paper.

An awareness and knowledge of the natural world, in particular the coastal environment, was instilled in me at an early age. I found the sea and its inhabitants utterly alluring. It is therefore unsurprising that this fascination began to manifest itself in my drawings. Figures evolved, sprouting unusual limbs and developing characteristics usually associated with coastal birds and aquatic creatures.

In these drawings, lines morph and converge to form part-human, part-avian beings engaged in proverbial activities. Poised and vigilant, they represent facets of existence common to both human and bird life - from social structure and ceremony, to courtship and death. Like the myriad of sea birds that are invaluable to everyday life here in Tropical North Queensland, my creatures have become my own personal guardians or sentinels.

#### EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Saturday January 30th - 2.30pm

#### ARTIST'S TALK

Saturday January 30th - 2.00pm

The intriguing works that have come to identify the style of local artist Leith Maguire will be explained by Leith prior to her exhibition launch.



Leith Maguire, *Little Eagle*



Leith Maguire, *Eastern Curlews*



The Cairns Regional Gallery  
Community Exhibitions  
Program is sponsored by  
The John Villiers Trust.

#### A Cairns Regional Gallery Community Exhibition Program

Through the Community Exhibitions Program Cairns Regional Gallery profiles the work of artists and organisations throughout far North Queensland.

#### GALLERY OPENING HOURS:

10.00am - 5.00pm Monday – Saturday  
1.00pm – 5.00pm Sunday and Public Holidays  
Gallery admission: Adults \$5.00  
Children up to 16 years are free

Cnr Abbott & Shields Sts, Cairns. Tel 4046 4800  
SUPPORTING ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF CAIRNS



[www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au](http://www.cairnsregionalgallery.com.au)