



Amanda Nebula

Cassandra Laing

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Luminous, opaque and inviting a quiet surreality which transfixes the eye, Laing's images offer testimony to the unseen patterns of life. These enigmatic and beautiful paintings are rich with the hidden potency of dissemblance. Smudges of wispy bands and tendrils of light drift in the cosmic dark. Galaxies measured in light years and colour burst as laughter across a face to disintegrate and reform like islands in the immensity of space. Spinning, contracting, exploding stars cluster into galaxies of shapes that resemble rings, butterflies and spirals. Andromeda is a spiral galaxy two million light years from earth. Beyond, lies the realm of the nebulae eight billion light-years from Earth - halfway to the edge of the known universe. Enter a world of drift and tide, supernovae and flickering black holes. Here the visible and distant collude with the tangible and sensible.

Opening night Wednesday 23 October 5/7pm