



Gaffer STUDIO GLASS &

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are privileged to present internationally acclaimed glass artist:

Marc Grunseit

Magic Mountains

Sculptural paintings in glass inspired by traditional Chinese hand-scrolls.

Exhibition September 1 - October 1, 2004

25 years ago, Marc Grunseit was a newly established general practitioner immersed in the rigorous academic world of medicine in Australia.

Having tried various mediums such as ceramics, leather, print making & painting, Grunseit took up a long standing interest in stained glass in 1978. He attended an evening class in stained glass and from then on, he fell in love with this art form. A chance public lecture by German architectural stained glass master Ludwig Schaffrath introduced Grunseit to the concept of architectural glass design and Grunseit was later invited to study architectural glass in Germany. Largely self-taught, Grunseit is now one of the world's most recognized & innovative glass artists.

The scope of Grunseit's work ranges from delicate objects which fit into the palm of one's hand to large scale architectural installations of 50 square metres and more. The designs are electric, employed to interpret the natural, social, cultural and mythological environment into unique pieces of glass art. Grunseit's work includes the world's largest, suspended, fused glass curtain wall in The Galleries Victoria, Sydney (2002). Other commissions include the Bicentennial Windows at the Sydney Town Hall, the Qantas frequent flyer lounges in Townsville (Queensland), Christchurch & Wellington (New Zealand), the Sheraton Plaza Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) as well as churches, synagogues and prayer rooms.

Grunseit's work is in the collections of the prestigious Ebeltoft Glass Museum Denmark, Queensland Art Gallery and many private collections world-wide. He has also been a finalist in the Ranamok Glass Prize.

In 2003, the New South Wales Governor selected one of Grunseit's pieces (Red Dirt Country) which was given to the President of The People's Republic of China.

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