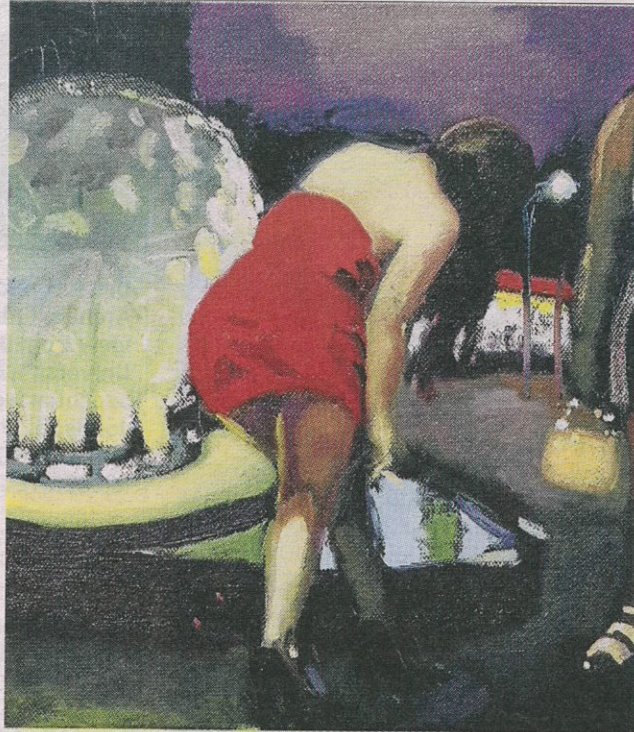


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**visual art****WENDY SHARPE NIGHT**

Wendy Sharpe's characteristically vivid palette and exquisitely calibrated adventures with space and light (pictured) come together in a new exhibition celebrating the denizens of Darlinghurst, Kings Cross and the inner city. **Until September 27, King Street Gallery on William, 177 William Street, Darlinghurst, kingstreetgallery.com.au.**

**PRESERVED IN BRONZE**

Melissa Coote's astonishingly visceral exhibition features the soft tissue of the human heart rendered in highly polished bronze and repeated in large-scale monochrome works using graphite on linen and photogravures. **Until September 20, Jensen Gallery, corner Hampden Street and Cecil Lane, Paddington, jensengallery.com.**

**THE MEANING OF (STILL) LIFE**

The fresco of peaches and a jug of water at Herculaneum, c. 50AD, and other subjects that have fascinated artists for centuries, are the focus of

this exhibition of works from the gallery's stable of painters, sculptors and ceramicists. **Until September 20, Defiance Gallery, 47 Enmore Road, Newtown, defiancegallery.com.**