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## **Exhibition presents ethereal vision of scenic national park**

Stephan Mack, Melbourne based film producer and director, will launch a dramatic collection of thought provoking photographs of Lake Eildon National Park with an exhibition at LAB X Gallery, St Kilda, Melbourne, from Thursday 10 November, 2006.

The collection 'Lake' is the culmination of three month's work by Stephan, photographing the flora and fauna of Lake Eildon National Park, Victoria.

"I was inspired by the mysterious beauty of Lake Eildon in the eerie dawn light and fog during winter," Stephan said.

"I, like many Victorians have travelled to Lake Eildon many times over the years, but rarely do we experience it in conditions such as those portrayed in the photographs. People are normally asleep when I am out chasing fog.

"When I look at these images I see the sunlight and fog painting the air surrounding the lake and its graceful inhabitants.

"I felt that the purity and serenity of the environment was such that any manipulation of the photographs would be an injustice.

"I wanted the images to be as real as possible, even though they present the park in a surreal way," he said.

"The nature and constraints of film emulsion and drastically changing light conditions combined with the wonder of the park have blended perfectly to express my vision," he said.

The exhibition features a range of images captured on 35mm film and printed on high quality pure cotton canvas.

"The texture of the canvas enhances and integrates with the grain in the images. Traditional stretching methods were then used to complement the Impressionist feel of the photographs," Stephan said.

'Lake' will showcase 19 photographs, each with a limited edition of five, personally signed by the photographer. The exhibition opens Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at LAB X Gallery, 40 Pakington Street, St Kilda and concludes Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005

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