Selected Bio Joanne Sisson

Education:

Graduate Diploma of Education, University of Ballarat. 1999

Teaching Methods: Art

1974 -1976 Diploma of Fine Art – Painting, R.M.I.T

Exhibitions:

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Xstrata Percival Portrait Prize – Townsville Regional Art Gallery
Rick Amor Drawing Prize -Finalist .Art Gallery Ballarat
Marks- Group exhibition Post Office Gallery Ballarat
Flanagan Art Prize - St Patrick's College Ballarat - finalist
'Land' Group Exhibition. Made Gallery.
Flanagan Art Prize - St Patrick's College Ballarat - finalist
Rick Amor Drawing Prize -Finalist. Artwork acquired Art Gallery
Ballarat
Flanagan Art Prize - St Patrick's College Ballarat - finalist
The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize finalist
Flanagan Art Prize - St Patrick's College Ballarat - finalist
Qdos Contemporary Art, Lorne, Victoria
'Converging Views' Solo exhibition. Art Gallery Ballarat
Flanagan Art Prize - St Patrick's College Ballarat - finalist
'A Taste of Salt' Group Show - Salt Contemporary Art, Victoria.
Solo Exhibition- Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff, Victoria.
Group shows - Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff, Victoria.
The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize - finalist
'Building the Image'- Six Artists. Art Gallery Ballarat,
Swiss-Italian Festival, group exhibition Pantechnicon Gallery,
Daylesford, Victoria.
Swiss-Italian Festival- Pantechnicon Gallery, Daylesford, Vic
Group Exhibition Pantechnicon Gallery, Daylesford, Victoria.
Environmental Art Exhibition - Warrnambool Regional Art Gallery, finalist
Exhibited Qdos Contemporary Art, Lorne, Victoria.
Warrnambool Regional Art Gallery, Environmental Art Exhibition, finalist
Springmount Gallery- Ballarat. Group Exhibition
Warrnambool Regional Art Gallery, Environmental Art Exhibition
finalist
Solo Exhibition Capricorn Gallery- Fitzroy, Victoria.
Four Artist- Exhibition Qdos Contemporary Art - Lorne, Vic.
Four Western District Artists -Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Vic
Group exhibition. Eltham Wiregrass Gallery
'The James Hardy Wildlife Art Award ' Traveling Exhibition.
Melbourne venue- Westpac Gallery, Art Centre. Finalist
Award winner- Multi media section. Wildlife Art Society of
Australasia, Annual Exhibition.
Australasia, Afficial Exhibition. Award winner- Gnarpurt Art Festival - Lismore
Three Artists - Exhibition- Roar Studios.
Exhibited group shows, Clive Parry Galleries Melbourne.

Joanne Sisson Artist Statement

In the past year I have travelled between Tasmania and Northern Queensland. I have painted in the temperate rainforest of Cradle Mountain and tropical rainforest of Cape Tribulation. Both places hold a powerful sense of prehistoric connections.

Later this year I will return to Tasmania to complete a four-week residency at Cataract Gorge in Launceston where I will respond to the river system, the gorge, and the climatic forces.

Between these two extremes is my home in Ballarat. In the regions surrounding Ballarat I create the majority of my work. The low, dry forests at Mount Beckworth, and the gentler lakes, creeks and ridges of nearby Daylesford, are regular expedition locations.

I am interested in the natural world in all its forms, from microscopic to panoramic vistas. Recently I have begun to include small figures into my landscapes to provide a contrast between the figure and the vast expanse of the landscape.

I have used the repetition of curving line to suggest a sense of life and movement. To evoke an environment that feels both still and yet buzzing with energy, growth and life.