

GUS LEUNIG

ABOUT

Gus' detailed, colourful and poetic works encapsulate his love of nature, animals and life in the country, where he spent most of his childhood.

His canvases are crammed with beings real and imagined, set amidst backgrounds of foliage, plants and flowers. His work reflects his astute observations of country life. Nature and landscape are lyrically intertwined and, although unplanned, the completed works are harmoniously balanced encouraging reflection and revisiting.

His seemingly simplistic figures exist in complex worlds and narratives where the whimsical stories that play out on canvas represent complex maps from the atlas of Gus' imagination. The carefully crafted and resolved detail, create colourful journeys through a world of observation and playful insight which leaves the viewer with fulfillment and intrigue. A new day or mood from the eye of the beholder can allow different story lines to unfold.

In 2004, Gus lived in a small Aboriginal community, Lockhart River, at the very northern tip of Cape York Peninsula. Working in the local Arts Centre alongside Aboriginal artists his burgeoning love for the territory, its people, and its isolation evoked an overwhelming desire to paint. During this experience, Gus was reminded of his childhood and the most basic of needs - fishing, hunting and laughing.

Gus' paintings are held in both, private as well as public collections, e.g. The Epworth Hospital Foundation. His work featured on network television dramas, ABC and Channel 10.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2023	Birdling, Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff
2022	Magic Broken Wing, Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff
2021	SomewhereLand, Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff
2020	Murmuration, Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff
2019	Home, Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff
2019	Affordable Art Fair, Melbourne, Vic
2019	Recent Creatures, Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff
2018	Here and There (with Helga Leunig), Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff
2017	September, AAF, New York, Van Rensburg Galleries
2017	May, AAF Hong Kong, Van Rensburg Galleries
2016	December "Summer series" Salt Contemporary Art Gallery

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- 2016 November "Country" Barn Gallery, Motalvat art precinct
- 2016 September, New York, AAF, Van Rensburg Galleries, featured artist
- 2016 July, Hong Kong, solo exhibition, Van Rensburg Galleries
- 2016 May, Hong Kong, AAF, Van Rensburg Galleries
- 2016 March, New York, AAF, Van Rensburg Galleries
- 2013 "Art for All" Melbourne, feature Artist
- 2012 The Design Files, open house exhibition, Melbourne
- 2012 "New Paintings" with Dayle Bolton artist, Libby Edwards Gallery
- 2011 "The Fishing Map" solo exhibition Libby Edwards Gallery
- 2010 "Recent Creatures" solo exhibition, Libby Edwards Gallery