



18 - 21 May 2017 Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Booth B05



# Nara Walker



Holding On Oil on Canvas 105cm x 105cm

### Nara Walker

Nara explores physicality and pushes the boundaries of self imposed rules

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ara held her first solo show at Woolloongabba Art Gallery Brisbane Australia, Suggestive Gestures 2014. In June 2014 Nara relocated to London UK to find new grounds for her work. Nara has a base in Brisbane Australia, London UK and Reykjavik Iceland. She exhibits worldwide and has been included in a number of awards (including but not limited to); The Blooom Award 2015 and 2016 (short list), Cologne Germany, The Jackson Art Prize 2016 (long list), The Ruth Borchard Self- Portrait Prize 2015 (Finalist), Kings Place Piano Nobile, London UK, Summer Art Award 2015 (Finalist), Lacey Contemporary, SeeMe award 2015 (Finalist) and Scope Art Show, Miami USA.

Creating several view points within various mediums Nara explores physicality and pushes the boundaries of self imposed rules. She performed live twice during the 2015 Venice Biennial, numerous times in London including TRIBE 2015 and recently at Palmarina Turkey, for the opening of her solo show Beauty Amongst Chaos 2016, Mine Sanat Galerisi. She was published throughout Turkey in numerous newspapers and magazines including the front page of Milliyet.

Nara's work has been exhibited across the globe. One of her most recent ventures abroad includes an artist in residence for the art festival, Paint For Georgia. The final exhibition was held at The National Parliament Library, Tbilisi Georgia. Her piece is now included within The National Parliament Library Collection.

Recent exhibitions include group shows at Onishi Project Gallery, Chelsea New York City USA, My Micro Gallery, Milan Italy and Le Dame Art Gallery, London UK. Nara has a number of upcoming shows including the art and wine festival Calici d'Arte in Montecosaro Italy, a live performance at Bid Four Amsterdam Netherlands, Brunswick Street Gallery Melbourne Australia, representation at Singapore Contemporary Art Fair with The Gallery Eumundi and Group shows throughout 2017 with On Art Frieze Gallery, Florence Italy.

### **2017 Collection Absorb**

The series Absorb has been created for my debut showcase in Hong Kong and Singapore and will be exclusively represented by The Gallery Eumundi during 2017.

The use of oil paint has been harnessed to depict raw emotion and genuine marks, conveying movement and form. This series was inspired by the subject of self, depicted through portraits and fragmented bodies held within atmospheric materiality and spontaneous gestures.

The method of Abstract Expressionism and Figurative painting invites the audience to visually deconstruct the art work. As they then reconstruct each section the onlooker may feel personal sentiment with the piece. Simulating a connection alike the process between the painter (myself) and painting.



Dream (Self Portrait) Oil on Canvas 105cm x 105cm

### Nara Walker

### **Education and Work Experience**

2015 Blooom Award. Short List Artist workshop, Cologne Germany 2015 Dance & Draw, Teacher role, Open Art Spaces, Pocket Arts, Chelsea Library, London UK 2011 - 2013 Bachelor of Fine Art with Honours, QCA Griffith University, Brisbane Australia 2007 - 2009 Diploma of Visual Art, Noosa Tafe, Sunshine Coast Australia Awards 2016 BLOOOM Award, Shortlist, Cologne, Germany 2016 Jackson Art Prize, Long list, London UK 2015 Scope Art Show, Finalist, See Me award, Miami USA 2015 BLOOOM Award, Shortlist, Cologne, Germany 2015 Connect to Colour, Finalist, Summer Art Award, Lacey Contemporary, London UK 2015 Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize, Finalist, Piano Nobile Kings Place, London UK 2015 Art Battle, tied in the battle, Art Fix, London, UK 2015 Art In The Hills, Finalist, Acquisitive Art Prize, Oakhill College, Sydney Australia 2015 Coffee Art Project, Finalist, London UK 2009 Create Art Award, Winner, Queensland Australia 2007 Acquisitive Art Award, Art Extravaganza, Winner, Sunshine Beach State High School **Queensland Australia** Residencies

2016 Paint For Georgia, Artist in Residence, Mtskheta and Tbilisi, Georgia 2014 Juxtaposed Gallery, Camden, London UK

### Collections

2016 Mine Sanat Gallerisi, Bodrum Turkey

2016 The National Parliament Library, Tbilisi Georgia

2015 Gallery City Museum of Aveiro, Aveiro Portugal

### **Future Activities**

2017 May, Affordable Art Fair, Represented by The Gallery Eumundi, Hong Kong

2017 Solo, Kliq Gallery, Hong Kong

2017 Solo, Marfa Gallery, Melbourne Australia

2018 Solo, Just Art Gerichtsgalerie, Berlin Germany

Artist in Residence, Pantocrátor Gallery, Shanghai, China

Artist in Residence, Instinc, Singapore

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2016 Beauty Amongst Chaos, Mine Sanat Galerisi, Palmarina Bodrum Turkey

2014 Artist in Residence Exhibition, Juxtaposed Gallery, Camden, London UK

2014 Suggestive Gestures, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane Australia

### Performances

2016 Highs and Lows #20, 4Bid, OT301, Amsterdam Netherlands 2016 Beauty Amongst Chaos, Mine Sanat Galerisi, Palmarina Bodrum Turkey 2015 Letters to a Lady, Collaboration, The Library, London UK 2015 TRIBE International Art Fair, Ugly Duck, London UK 2015 Future and Behind, Hair Pull-Live Performance, Con-Temporary5, Venice Italy 2015 March 2015 March 2016 Particular Parti

2015 Memories of Self, Self Festival, Energy String-Live Performance), Venice Art House, Venice Italy



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### **Group Exhibitions**

2017 Clarity of Chaos, On Art Gallery Firenze, Florence Italy 2017 Asia Contemporary, Represented by The Gallery Eumundi, Hong Kong 2017 Annual Painting Show, Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne Australia 2017 Singapore Contemporary, Asia Contemporary Art Fair, Represented by The Gallery Eumundi, Singapore 2016 Festival Calici dArte, On Art Gallery, Montecosaro Italy 2016 Common People, Ugly Duck, London UK 2016 "What Is The Point?" Annual Group Show, The Strand Gallery, London UK 2016 The Heart Beat of Mother Earth, My Micro Gallery, Milan Italy 2016 TRIBE International Art Fair, Chrom-Art, Ugly Duck, London UK 2016 Intimacy, Arch Collective, Brooks and Groves, London UK 2016 What Is The Point?" Annual Exhibition, The Strand Gallery, London UK 2016 Bedroom Artists, The Hive Dalston, London UK 2016 Exposed, Ben Oakley Gallery, London UK 2016 WITP, 19 Greek Street Gallery, Soho, London UK 2016 The Heart Beat of Mother Earth, Onishi Project Gallery, Chelsea, New York City USA 2016 WITP, Clerkenwell Gallery, London UK 2016 Paint for Georgia Art Festival, Georgia Independence Day - Open Air Exhibition, Mstkheta, Georgia 2016 Paint for Georgia Artist in Residence, The National Parliamentary Library, Tbilisi Georgia 2016 Gallery Show, Axis Gallery, Sunshine Coast Australia 2015 Scope Art Show, digital display and finalist in the SeeMe award, Miami USA 2015 Exhibit Here's Art Maze Exhibition at Bargehouse, OXO Tower Wharf, London UK Nara Walker 2015 Frieze London 2015 VIP Rendezvous, Art Naked, The Library, London UK 2015 Confluence, Espacio Gallery, London UK 2015 TRIBE International Art Fair, Ugly Duck, Chrom-Art, London UK 2015 Connect to Colour, Summer Art Award, Finalist Exhibition, Lacey Contemporary, London UK 2015 Summer Salon Part 1, Candid Arts Trust, London UK 2015 Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Piano Nobile Kings Place, London UK 2015 Poetry in Visual, Gallery City Museum of Aveiro, Aveiro Portugal 2015 Reflections, Espacio Gallery, London UK 2015 Art Battle, Art Fix, London UK 2015 Pure Painting, Group exhibition, Brent Artists Resource, London UK 2015 Coffee Art Project, The Amsterdam Coffee Festival, Amsterdam Netherlands 2015 Awareness, Loft Art Space, Strasbourg France 2015 Coffee Art Project, Finalist Exhibition, The London Coffee Festival, London UK 2015 Spring Salon Part 2, Candid Arts Trust, London UK 2015 Spring Salon Part 1, Candid Arts Trust, London UK

### **Group exhibitions (Cont')**

2015 GAWP, The Other Cafe and Gallery, London UK

2015 Art In The Hills, Finalist exhibition, Oakhill College, Sydney, Australia

2015 Protecht, The Bank Space Gallery CASS, London UK

2015 Forbidden, Guerilla Galleries, London UK

2015 Go Figure, Art with Heart, Altrincham UK

2014 Art Showcase London, The Yard, London UK

2013 Limen, Griffith University Queensland College of Art, Brisbane Australia

2013 Middle Ground, The Hold, Brisbane Australia

2012 Here Now, Griffith University Queensland College of Art, Brisbane Australia

2012 Here and There, Southern Cross University, Lismore Australia

2012 Here and There, Griffith University Queensland College of Art, Brisbane Australia

2011 Almost Seen, Griffith University Queensland College of Art, Brisbane Australia

2011 Studio 4, Studio 4, Sunshine Coast Australia

2011 Hive, Project Gallery, Griffith University Queensland College of Art, Brisbane Australia

2009 Emerge, Noosa Tafe, Sunshine Coast Australia

2007 Arts Extravaganza, Sunshine Beach State High School, Sunshine Coast Australia



Study of Self (Self Portrait) Oil on Canvas 50cm x 50cm

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### Publications

2017 April edition, Average Magazine, UK 2017 Introducing Nara Walker, Emerging Art, WITP, Brogue Magazine <a href="http://www.broguearts.com/new-blog/2017/2/20/introducing-nara-walker-emerging-art-witp">http://www.broguearts.com/new-blog/2017/2/20/introducing-nara-walker-emerging-art-witp</a> 2016 The Heart Beat of Mother Earth, catalogue, Curated show Stefania Carrozzini, Onishi Gallery Chelsea, New York City USA <http://www.ambebi.ge/kulturashoubiznesis/165043-isini-khataven-sagarthvelosthvis-erthiideisgarshemogaerthianebuli-mkhatvrebi-msoflios-14-qveynidan.html> 2016 Paint for Georgia Art Festival, radio interview, Radio1.GE <http://radio1.ge/ge/videos/view/164433.html> 2016 Milliyet, newspaper print -front page and spread, Vu cuduyla resim yapiyor 2016 Gu"ndem Tu"rk, Avustralyalı ressam vu"cuduyla tablo yaptı <http://www.gundemturk.com/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti.html> 2016 Hurriyet, Avustralyalı ressam, vu cuduyla tablo yaptı <http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti-37285047> 2016 Sözcu", Avustralyalı ressam vu"cuduyla tablo yaptı <a href="http://www.sozcu.com.tr/2016/gundem/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti-1244206/">http://www.sozcu.com.tr/2016/gundem/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti-1244206/</a> 2016 Haberler, Avustralyalı Ressam, Vu<sup>°</sup>cuduyla Tablo Yaptı <http://www.haberler.com/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti-8465211-haberi/> 2016 Hu"rriyet, newspaper print, Su"runerek yerde harikalar varativor 2016 Demokratikcizgi, Avustralyalı ressam vu cuduyla tablo yaptı <http://demokratikcizgi.com/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti/> 2016 Gazete A24, Avustralyalı ressam, vu<sup>°</sup>cuduyla tablo yaptı <a href="http://www.gazetea24.com/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti\_30045498h.html">http://www.gazetea24.com/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti\_30045498h.html</a> e=1000>



Self Portrait Oil on Canvas 50cm x 50cm



Untitled (Self Portrait) Oil on Canvas 50cm x 50cm

### Publications (Cont'd)

2016 Haberin, Avustralyalı ressam, vu~cuduyla tablo yaptı <http://www.haberin.co/kultur-sanat/avustralyali-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti-h3932.html> 2016 Vatan, newspaper print, Vu cuduyla tablo yapti 2016 Habertu rk, newspaper print, Avustralyali ressam vucuduyla tablo yaptı 2016 Bodrum da Bugun, Beauty Amongst Chaos - "Kaosun Icindeki Guzellik" <http://www.bodrumdabugun.com/news-item/avustralyali-ressamin-fircasindan-kaosunicindekiguzellik/> 2016 Hurrivet, Beauty Amongst Chaos - "Kaosun Icindeki Guzellik" <http://www.hurrivet.com.tr/hayran-birakti-40105654> 2016 April, artist interview, Chrom-Art <a href="http://www.chrom-art.org/2016/04/10/seduction-through-painting-in-nara-walker-s-practice/">http://www.chrom-art.org/2016/04/10/seduction-through-painting-in-nara-walker-s-practice/</a> 2016, The Voice of The Artist: A select collection of work, p. 45 2016 Aesthetica Magazine, Feb/March issue, artist directory 2015 The Palette Pages, artist interview <ttp://www.thepalettepages.com/2015/08/23/nara-walker/> 2015 Ruth Borchard Self Portrait Prize, Catalogue <a href="http://www.piano-nobile.com/exhibitions/30/works/">http://www.piano-nobile.com/exhibitions/30/works/</a> 2015 LandEscape Magazine 7th Edition, artist interview – Front page and 24 page spread <http://issuu.com/landescapeartpress/docs/landescape\_art\_review\_-\_special\_edi> 2015 Protecht Catalogue, Artist interview 2015 Reyker, Artist Interview Nara Walker 2014 Artist in Residence Interview, Juxtaposed Gallery <http://www.juxtaposedgallery.com/#!artist-in-residence/cit3> 2013 The Hold, Middle Ground Catalogue <www.theholdartspace.com>

2013 Art Monthly Australia, The Emerging Issue, The QCA School, Rex Butler



Mountains Oil on Canvas 50cm x 50cm



Face (Self Portrait) Oil on Canvas 57.5cm x 57.5cm

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Mirror Me Oil on Canvas 105cm x 105cm



Repitition Purple Oil on Canvas 62m x 60cm

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Think Pink Oil on Canvas 57.5cm x 57.5cm



Body Prnt Oil on Canvas 57.5cm x 57.5cm

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know it's fashionable to say that painting is a 'release' from the pressures of the world or that the act of painting keeps the artist 'sane'. I don't find that at all. I feel quite 'insane' when I'm painting. I feel an enormous concentration and focus when I paint...and I don't think that's a bad thing.

The act of creation shouldn't be a passive or gentle thing. My recent work deals with the urban environment in its many forms in cities around the world as well as an abiding affinity with the Australian landscape. It is a response to light. I like the movement of light across a surface, whether it's a valley, a river, a street or the human form. I particularly enjoy the shapes, the noise and the shadows of city landscapes – whether it's the drama of lower East Side in New York, the reflections in the canals of Venice, the romance of Paris streets, the quirky laneways of Melbourne, the crowded pedestrian footpaths of Brisbane City, or the tree lined streets near my home and studio in QLD. In recent times I've also been strongly influenced by the extraordinary images and spirituality of Buddhist monks in Luang Prabang, Laos in SE Asia and the Buddhist nuns in Brisbane.



Riding to the Markets Acrylic on Canvas 100cm x 100cm



Wan Chai Market Acrylic on Canvas 90cm x 120cm



Night Lights, Des Voeux Road Acrylic on Canvas 120cm x 90cm



Coming and Going at Dusk Acrylic on Canvas 120cm x 90cm



Hong Kong Crowd Oil on Linen 91cm x 91cm

### History

David trained under Brisbane artist, John Rigby, painting as a teenager with contemporaries, Thomas McAulay and Rex Backhaus-Smith and also studied under premier Australian landscape artist and Archibald prize-winner, William Robinson, at the University of Southern Queensland.

David furthered his practical artistic study in both New York, Paris and London in the 1970's while working his way around the world painting portrait commissions until he returned home to pursue a career in politics. He has painted portraits of Poet, Bruce Dawe, Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser and businessman, Sir Alex McKay.

He has exhibited at galleries in Brisbane and the Gold Coast as well as at Harrods in London and at Village Art Gallery in Greenwich Village, New York in 1996, at the Australian Consulate, New York and at Michael Ingbar Gallery on Broadway in Soho, New York as well as Paris, Hong Kong and Singapore.

### **Recent Solo Exhibitions**

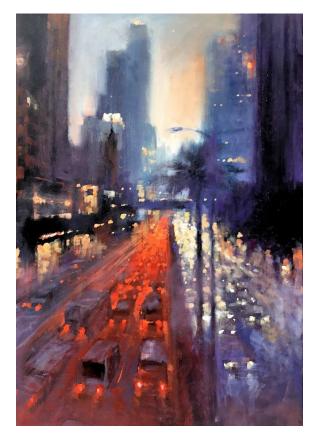
Red Hill Gallery Brisbane 2010/2011/2012/2013/2014/2015/2016 David Hart Gallery Mooloolaba 2015/2016 Manyung Gallery Melbourne 2015/2016 Michael Ingbar Gallery Broadway Soho New York 2011/2012/2015/2017 Marks and Gardner Gallery Mt Tamborine 2012/2013/2014 Buddhist Exhibition Chung Tian Temple Brisbane 2013

### **Group Exhibitions**

New York Affordable Art Fair 2013/2014/2016 Hampstead Heath Art Fair London 2013/2014/2015/2016/2017 Manyung Gallery Mt Eliza Victoria 2013/2014/2015/2016 Asia Contemporary Art Fair Hong Kong 2014/2015/2016/2017 Singapore Affordable Art Fair 2013/2014/2015/2016/2017 Battersea Affordable Art Fair London 2014/2015/2016

#### **Awards & Grants**

Tattersalls Finalist each year 1998 to 2013 Brisbane Sunday Mail Art Competition Brisbane 1972 Atlantic City Rotary Sculpture Award USA 1973 Gemini Art Award 1974 Toowoomba RNA Art Exhibition 1st prize portraiture Brisbane 1975



River of Fire Acrylic on Canvas 90cm x 60cm



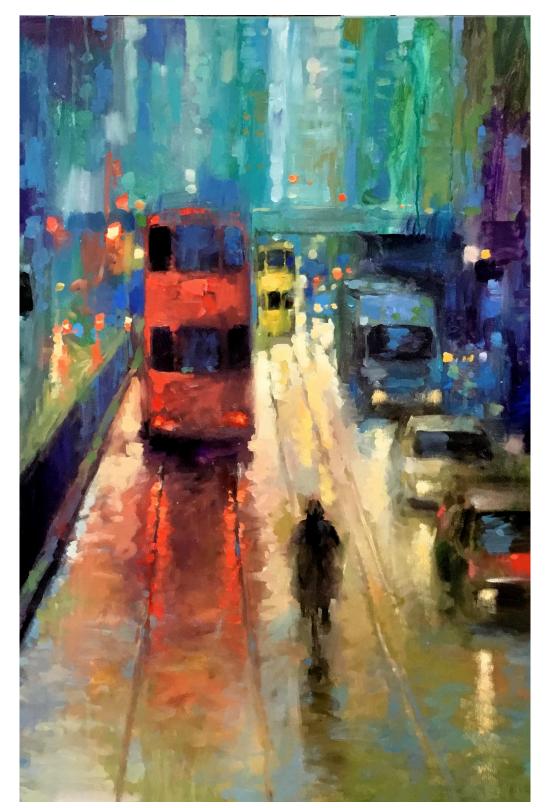
The Flower Seller Acrylic on Canvas 60cm x 90cm



Rainy Day Causeway Bay Acrylic on Canvas 90m x 60cm



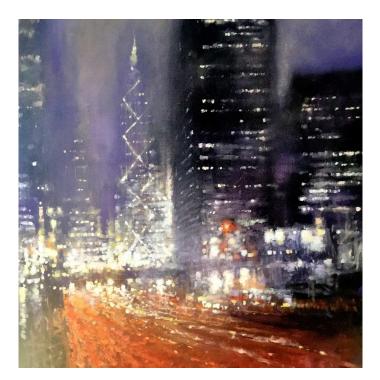
Hennessy & Morrison Hill Junction Acrylic on Canvas 90m x 60cm



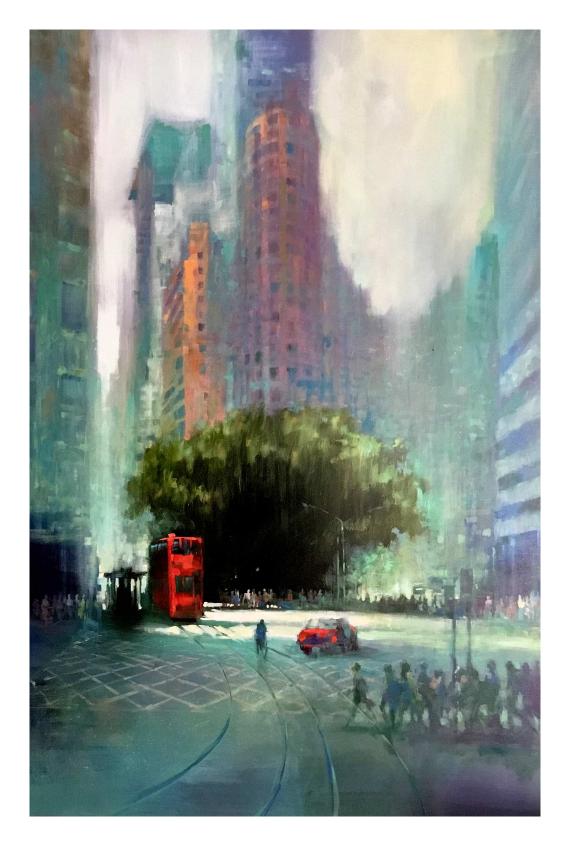
Lone Cyclist Hennessy Road Acrylic on Canvas 120m x 90cm



City Lights Acrylic on Canvas 101m x 101cm



Peak Hour Queens Road East Acrylic on Canvas 120m x 90cm



Intersection Johnston & lockhart Acrylic on Canvas 152m x 101cm

### **Rhonda** Cao

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work exclusively with the human form in bronze and glass. I have discovered an original language and my personal response to the nude form.

The human body is a subject much explored in the history of art, I feel confident that I have developed something totally new and unique. I focus on the abstract qualities, reducing the form to elegant curves and angles making each body appear simultaneously both weightless and grounded.

I love working with the human form and find the shape, movement and expression that can be achieved by stylising, exciting and inspirational. I feel the blend of movement, abstraction and balance challenging and I enjoy exploring where this challenge will lead. I consider my work to be stylised and am very much influenced by the classical heroic figurative form. I want my work to be about about form and mood and hopefully viewers are compelled to touch and feel the lines for themselves.

I have found working with the male form a particularly interesting challenge - how to stylise without parody and how to simplify shape the movement that is uniquely male.

I rarely use any armatures or structure when creating my pieces as they are too restricting. Often the piece I am working on has been triggered by a scribble and it does not really have form until I have played around and developed it. There is a price to pay for this – there has been many a morning when I come back into my studio to find the piece has broken or tipped over during the night. Rarely does it destroy the piece – it just creates a new version and even a different direction.

I also like to maintain some irreverence in both form and naming to balance the traditional medium of bronze. I enjoy introducing some attitude into the pose as well as using iconic Aussie names such as Johnno and Bruce to name the work.

I really do love it when something about my work, be it the subject or the naming, brings a smile to peoples faces.



Beryl Bronze Edition 1/6



Grace Bronze Edition 3/6

### **The Flappers**

Mabel, Grace and now Beryl is a series inspired by the Flapper period in which women broke away from traditional ideas of the 'good girl' and became a party girl. Flappers cut their hair in sharp bold styles, smoked, wore makeup, partied and generally lived each day for the day.

I hoped to capture some of this rebellion against the old fashioned ideas of the good girl who was expected to be modest and demure by depicting more languid, indulgent and flirty characters.

## Rhonda Cao

**Exhibitions** 2017 March The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong January The Gallery Eumundi Singapore Contemporary 2016 September The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong March The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong January The Gallery Eumundi Singapore Contemporary 2015 March The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong 2014 October The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong May The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong 2013 October The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, The Marriott Hong Kong May The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary Art Show, The Marriott Hong Kong 2012 Songs for Sydney, Global Gallery Paddington Sydney Go Figure, Robyn Bauer Gallery Paddington Brisbane Best of the Best, The Gallery Eumundi Queensland 2011 Ephemeral Annual invitation exhibition, The Strand Townsville Garden Secrets, Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery Brisbane Up the Garden Path, Pine Rivers Shire Art Gallery 2010 **Group Exhibitions** Robvn Bauer Studio Gallery Brisbane Martin Galleries, Nundah Brisbane The Gallery Eumundi Queensland 2009 The Body Study , Martin Galleries Brisbane

Whimsy (group), Logan Art Gallery

## Exhibitions (Cont)

### 2008

From the Verandah, Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery Brisbane Legends, Lies & Other Lame Excuses (solo), Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery Sculptors Queensland, Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens Brisbane Selected for Stanthorpe Arts Festival, Stanthorpe Art Gallery 2007 Body Torque (solo), RM Galleries Brisbane Palette of Artists. Moving Canvas Maxima, l Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery Brisbane Sculptors Queensland Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens Brisbane Preview RM Galleries Brisbane 2006 Works from the Stable, RM Galleries Brisbane Figures of Speech (solo), Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery Moving Canvas, Eagle Street One Grand Opening RM Galleries Brisbane RM Galleries, Hamilton Brisbane Selected for Stanthorpe Arts Festival, Stanthorpe Art Gallery **RM** Galleries Hamilton Brisbane 2005 Women of Fire, Ascot Gallery Director's Choice, Ascot Gallery Seven at Ascot, Ascot Gallery 2004

Caloundra Art Exhibition QLD Watercolour Society Open Exhibition **2003** Women of Substance, St Margaret's College

Kaiyar Art Exhibition Group Exhibition, Hardy Brothers Jewellers



Lazy Daisy Bronze 1/9

# Rhonda Cao



Beached Bums (Kev & Johnno) Bronze Edition A/P

### **Beached Bums Kev & Johnno**

Beach Bum is an Australian term for those people who wander the beaches collecting all sorts of things from the debris left along the shoreline as the tide recedes.

Beached Bums is a play on this and refers to those people themselves being 'beached' with the tide.

Also as a social comment it refers to those people left 'beached ' by society. The two Beached Bums have been given typical Aussie names, Johnno and Kev, to maintain the Aussie theme of the work.

# Rhonda Cao



Temptation Bronze Edition 1/11

### Temptation

There are many stories of temptation where people are enticed into doing the wrong thing for a more carnal and immediate reward. This piece was inspired by the story of Eve tempting Adam to eat the forbidden fruit by promising him unlimited knowledge and pleasure in the Garden of Eden.



Drifters Bronze Edition 1/9

#### Drifters

This series is named for the pieces of driftwood that have been moulded and shaped by time in the ebb and flow of the tides. The underlying theme being that the pieces have no control over how they are formed or where they end up. In society we also use the term 'drifters' for people who also seem to take no interest or control over how their lives are shaped and moulded by societal influences.

Retaining fluidity in the body while still achieving sharp muscular perfection through clay thrills Glassborow



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ronze figurative sculpture has a long tradition. For me, the Art Deco period was the foundation for inspiration. Running parallel to that are ideas that spring from photographic imagery, fashion and robotics. Somewhere, ideas develop and grow, but always around the figure. I have always drawn, but mainly for the purpose of planning my sculptures. But now, my drawings are developing into a more expressive form of my creativity.

Background

Born in Hammersmith England, Stephen served his apprenticeship as a Sculpture student at Newcastle upon Tyne and at Brighton College in the United Kingdom before moving to Australia as a young professional sculptor in the early 1980s. He has since attracted considerable interest and many commissions throughout Australia, and in Asia.

In his work, Glassborow relies heavily on traditional classical precedents and careful anatomical observation. Nevertheless, he manages to temper his respect for figurative precision with a refined elegance and beauty. His is sometimes an Art Deco renaissance.

Retaining fluidity in the body while still achieving sharp muscular perfection through clay thrills Glassborow. The skill of merging the two successfully drives him into further exploration of the human form.



**Commissions in Asia over the last 10 years** Water Medallion Shangri La Hotel Shanghai 3m Bronze Apollo Apollo Hotel Singapore 2.4m Bronze Water Travellers Shangri La Hotel Kuala Lumpur 2.2m Bronze Thai Buddhist Angels Shangri La Hotel Bangkok 2m Bronze Dolphin Sculpture Pasir Ris Singapore 5m Resin Seated Nude MGM Macao Life Size Bronze Deco Figure Studio City Casino Macau 1m Gilt Resin Leaf Wall Piece Studio City Casino Macau 3.5m Gilt Resin Fountain Wall Piece Studio City Casino Macau 3m Gilt Resin



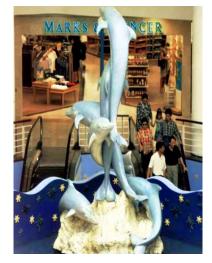


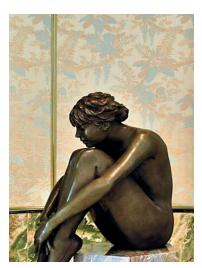






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#### **EDUCATION IN ART**

Tyneside Founda on Course Newcastle Upon Tyne, Sculpture B.A. Hons Brighton College of Art B.A. Hons. Fine Art

#### Collections

AMP Perth WA Sedgwick Insurance Melbourne McDonald's Group, Sydney cDonald's Group Melbourne **KPMG** Peat Marwick Sydney **Remy Martin** Park Lane Hotel, Kuala Lumpur Qantas Melbourne Walker Corporation Sydney State Chambers Sydney N.S.W. City of White Hourse Regional art Gallery Melbourne Randwick Council NSW Hilton Hotel Souel, Korea Sheraton on the Park Sydney Adelaide Hilton S.A. ANA Group, Sydney Frankston Regional Council Victoria Bank of New Zealand, Perth Star City Casino **Rochester Historical Society Victoria** Manlt Regional Art Gallery NSW McFarlane Burnett Institute of Medical Research Melbourne Shangri -La Hotels Shanghai & Bangkok St.Geroge Bank George Street, Sydney Marist Boys College Randwick, NSW Apollo Group, Singapore Crown Casino Melbourne Hilton Shanghai, China Hastings city Council Victoria Port Jacksons Fine Art Laguna Beach, USA Citycorp Sydney Monarch Bay Dev Laguna Beach, USA Walt Disney Corpora Hong Kong Lionel Rose Public Sculpture, Warragul, Vic World Champion Boxer John Famachon Public Sculpture, Frankston, Vic - World Champion Boxer MGM Macao, China Fothergills of Freemnatle WA Pasir Iris Centre, Singapore Imperial Hotel Kuala Lumpur

### **Recent Exhibitions**

Makers Mark Gallery, Melbourne Cooks Hill Gallery, Newcastle Forest Gallery 2008 Emporium Gallery, Brisbane Cooks Hill Gallery, NSW Makers Mark Gallery, Melbourne Gallery Perutz, UK 2009 Red Hill Gallery, QLD Art Nuvo Gallery, Buderim, QLD Cooks Hill Gallery, NSW Gallery Perutz, UK Makers Mark Gallery, Melbourne 2010 Wagner Gallery, Sydney Linton and Kay Gallery, Perth BMG Art, Adelaide 2011 Axia Modern Art, Melbourne Linton and Kay Gallery, Perth Red Hill Gallery, Brisbane Cooks Hill Gallery, Newcastle Richard Mar n Gallery, Sydney 2012 BMG Art Gallery, Adelaide Red Hill Gallery, Brisbane 2015 Art Nuvo Gallery, Buderim, QLD, Gallery One QLD, Linton & Kay Gallery WA, Artpark Exhibition NSW, Manyung Gallery VIC, Soho Gallery Sydney NSW 2016 Soho Gallery Sydney NSW 2016 Asia Contemporary Art Show



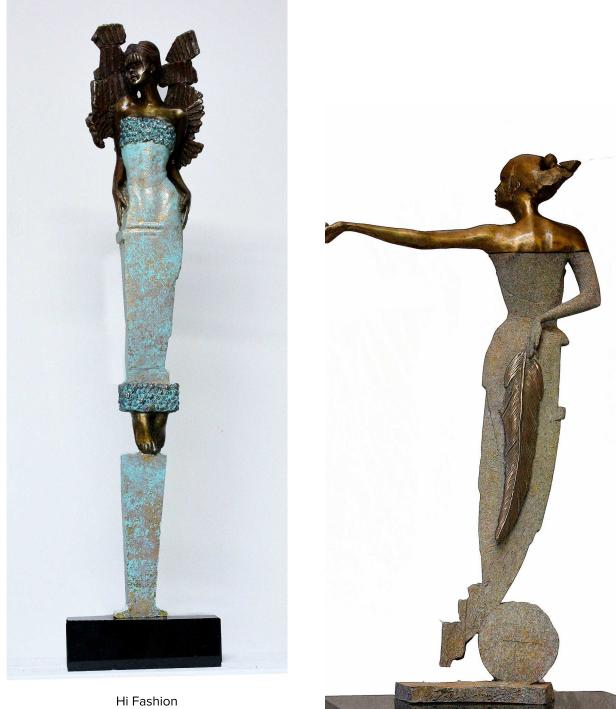
Flat Out Bronze Edition 8/11

#### **Recent Commission**

James Packer New Studio City Hotel Reception Macau 2106

#### **Publications/Media**

October 1993 The Age, Melbourne June 1994 Dance Australia April 1994 The Age, Melbourne Herald Sun, Melbourne Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney ,The Australia July 1995 Cra Arts Interna onal Magazine Issue 34 Aug 2002 Belle Magazine September 2005 The Age The Independent Sydney Morning Herald 2010 Herald Sun, The Age, The Australian 2011 Australian Art Review The Age The Australian Sydney Morning Herald



Bronze Edition 10/11

> Jupiter Bronze Edition 4/15



Bronze Edition 4/11

> Fractal Bronze Edition 10/11

## **Zhong Chen**

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When I was young I believed in what I was doing and in the end I was rewarded for it. **Young artists** just have to believe in what they are doing before someone else will believe in them



Logistic in Australia. Zhong was born in Zhongshan in China, where he was raised by his mother and her extended family, while his father lived and worked in Hong Kong. As a small child, while his mother worked, he would entertain himself drawing. His first introduction to art was when a friend took him to into the Zhongshan Cultural Centre...Zhong was captivated, this was the beginning of his artist journey. With the economic reforms occurring in the 1970's, China was beginning to open up to the West. As the tight communist control was starting to relax. individual pursuits such as art were now not seen as such a threat to the State. Zhong's supporting family encouraged and supported him in his passion for art. When Zhong reached his teens, he began a formal education in the arts in Zhongshan. Zhong received a strong education in Chinese art concentrating on Chinese ink brush techniques as well as landscape and portraiture. Zhong continued his formal Chinese art education at Hubay School of Fine Arts, whilst continuously experimenting away from the traditional Chinese style back at home. Zhong became more interested in 'Western' art and longed to converse with western artists to have dialogue about their creative processes.

In 1988 Zhong was supported by his family to travel and study in Australia on the basis he must do a one year English course once he arrived. Zhong settled in Adelaide, South Australia and completed a bachelor of Arts degree with honours. Zhong very quickly found an empathy between Chinese and Australian cultures through their shared focus on the historical significance of landscape painting. The importance and acceptance of this genre of painting throughout the Australian art world gave Zhong the confidence to explore the subject of cultural and transcultural identity within a new environment. Zhong's early work in 1996 "Stupid Laughing Series" explores the identity of people standing in landscapes that they may not originally belong in. Ordinary people in beautiful Australian landscapes whose vastness alone suggests isolation and possible alienation. As Zhong Chen's work has evolved the formal brush strokes of traditional Chinese painting can always be seen. In 1997 Zhong won a Samstag International Visual Arts Scholarship, which enabled him to travel and study at Chelsea College of Arts in London, where in 1998 he obtained a Master of Fine Arts. By now Zhong was experimenting at such as pace though still with the thoughts of depicting the artist, constantly exploring his own identity as well as trying to unravel the thought process of a western artist. His work evolved to a more photographic palette giving his painting a more realist appearance.

As Zhong travelled and absorbed new insights of culture and artistic influences, as well as further experimentation and fine homing of techniques, there was constant evolution of his work.



Kung Fu Masters Watercolour on Paper 107cm x 107cm Framed

# **Zhong Chen**

On Zhong Chen's return to Australia he developed his well-known pixelated paintings. This was a reference to computer technology while still exploring cultural and transcultural identity. His pixelated figures floating in modern, minimal backdrops... The freedom of identity from place... The figures are not confined to a particular geographical location, much like himself at this time.

In early 2000 after travelling in Paris and New York, Zhong went to Shanghai and experienced the changing influences of China in the twenty first century, this too would continue to influence his work. Zhong continued to combine ancient Qing Woodblock Chinese folk art with modern twentieth century women and the lifestyles they represented.

As Zhong's work has evolved and with the intensity of his pixelated images being so successful and time consuming, Zhong entered a period of freedom and release with his Kung Fu series, using Chinese images recalled from his early childhood memories, not only the watching of these movies but daily practicing the art of Kung Fu as well. There is a loose and relaxed styles of Chinese influence and brush strokes with a more abstract blending of background. Zhong has found working with watercolour more random in the creative process, watercolour on paper has a life of its own and has encouraged freedom of strokes, which can be also seen recreated in the oil works with large abstract brushes of bold colours. Kung Fu is still reflecting Zhong's cultural identity in a modern context. The work is influenced by traditional Chinese folk-art prints, paper cuts and Chinese ink brush painting There is definite humour and freedom in these works, having resulted from Zhong creating more time for himself.

Zhong is definitely having fun with this work and has reached a stage of freedom in his art... We have seen Batman and Kung Fu....who knows what will be next! "This is the beauty of having a twenty year career as a successful artist and not feeling the pressure to perform anymore." It is the self-assurance of an artist who belongs within the Australian society. Zhong's collectors have embraced the changes of his styles over the years and have walked by his side for the journey. Zhong continues to celebrate being an Australian artist with a strong Chinese heritage.

Zhong Chen is one of Australia's top 50 artists, he has had over 55 group and solo exhibitions, he has been a three times finalist in the Archibald Prize (2007, 2008, 2011) and the Wynne Prize (2006, 2007, 2008) He has been a finalist in the Sulman Prize (2007 and 2013) and was awarded the People's Choice Award for the Portrait Salon des Refusés Prize (2009).

Zhong is now working on an Art Series Hotel in Melbourne, which will be themed around his name and his work. This is expected to open in 2017. He ipreparing a new body of work for his Asian Collectors in Singapore and Hong Kong in January 2017 and is busy mentoring young artists from his fabulous Melbourne studio, 204 Art Space. Zhong's advice to young artist is very telling about his own success: "When I was young I believed in what I was doing and in the end I was rewarded for it. Young artists just have to believe in what they are doing before someone else will believe in them."



Two Girls Watercolour on Paper 107cm x 107cm



Riverscape Watercolour on Paper 107cm x 107cm Framed

### **Zhong Chen**

Born in Zhongshan, China in 1969 and arrived in Australia in 1989. 1998 Masters of Fine Arts, Chelsea School of Art 1996 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours), University of SA 1994 Diploma of Visual Arts, North Adelaide School of Art

#### **COLLECTIONS**

Art Gallery of South Australia Gold Coast City Art Gallery Western Mining, Australia Artbank, Sydney F.H.Faulding and Co. Adelaide Macquarie University BHP SBS, Melbourne Private Collections in Japan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia

#### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2016 REDSEA Gallery, Singapore 2016 REDSEA Gallery, Brisbane 2012 Greenhill Galleries, Perth 2011 Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney 2010 Singapore Australian Embassy, Beijing 2009 Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney 2007 Hill-Smith Art Gallery, Adelaide 2007 Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney 2006 Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney 2006 Greenhill Galleries, Perth 2005 Metro 5 Gallery, Melbourne 2005 Greenhill Galleries, Perth 2004 Art Galleries Schubert, Gold Coast 2004 Metro 5 Gallery, Sydney 2003 Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney 2002 Metro 5 Gallery, Melbourne 2001 Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney 2001 The Alternative Museum, New York 2001 Adelaide Central Gallery, Adelaide 2001 Studio 12, 200 Gertrude Street, Melbourne 2000 Span Galleries, Melbourne 1999 &1997 Adelaide Central Gallery, Adelaide 1995 Nexus Gallery, Adelaide

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2017 The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary art Show Hong Kong 2017 The Gallery Eumundi Singapore Contemporary Singapore 2016 The Gallery Eumundi Asia Contemporary art Show Hong Kong 2016 An Art Exhibition to celebrate the Anniversary of the Tasmania-Fujian Sister State Relationship, Fujian Museum, Fujian, China 2016 Lunar New Year Exhibition, 204 Art Space, Melbourne 2012 Greenhill Galleries 40th Birthday Exhibition 2012 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne 2011 The Archibald Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2011 Australian-Chinese Contemporary No.1, Comings and Goings: Lai-Lai Wang-Wang, China Link Gallery 2011 Kings School Art Prize - Finalist 2010 SQUARED, Greenhill Galleries, Perth 2010 Art Melbourne, Melbourne 2009 Home Coming Exhibition, Linda Gallery, Beijing 2009 Figurative Show, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide 2009 The Doug Moran Portrait Prize, Sydney 2009 The Salon Des Refusés, Sydney 2008 The Archibald Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2008 The Wynne Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2008 Doug Moran Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2007 The Archibald Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2007 The Sulman Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2007 The Wynne Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2006 SQUARED, Greenhill Galleries, Perth 2006 The Wynne Prize, The Art Gallery of New South Wales 2005 The Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo, Victoria 2005 SQUARED, Greenhill Galleries, Perth 2004 Contemporary Australian Chinese Art, The Response Gallery, **Federation Square** 2004 SBS Art Award, Manningham Gallery, Melbourne 2004 Cromwells Art Prize, Cromwells Auction House 2003 Redlands Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery 2003 Mosman Art Gallery, Mosman Art Gallery 2002 SBS Federation Art Award, Federation Square 2001 Salon des Refuses, Sydney 2001 'Mediated Portraits', Mass Gallery, Melbourne 2001 Alice Art Prize, Alice Springs 2001 Studio Members Exhibition, 200 Gertrude Street, Melbourne 2000 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne 2000 Chemistry : South Australian Art 2000 Art Gallery of South Australia 2000 Redlands Westpac Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney 1998 'MA onA4' The Pump House Gallery, London 1998 Masters Exhibition, Chelsea School of Art, London 1997 Visy Board Art Prize, Barossa Valley, South Australia 1995 Helpmann Academy Exhibition, Adelaide and Indonesia 1990 The Faulding Exhibition

# **Zhong Chen**

### **MAJOR AWARDS**

2013 Sulman Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2011 Archibald Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2011 Kings School Art Prize finalist 2009 Doug Moran Portrait Prize finalist 2009 Salon des Refusés, Peoples Choice Award 2008 Doug Moran Portrait Prize finalist 2008 Wynne Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2008 Archibald Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2007 Wynne Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2007 Sulman Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2007 Archibald Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2006 Wynne Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2005 Australia Council Grant to attend a three month residency at The International Studio and Curatorial Program, New York 2002 SBS Federation Art Award, Federation Square, Melbourne 2001 Australia Council Greene Street, New York Studio Residency 2000 The Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grant 2000 Conrad Jupiters 2000 Art Prize, Acquisition, Gold Coast City Art Gallery 2000 Gertrude Street Residency 1999 Premier's Award, Emerging Artist of the Year – ARTSA 1997 Samstag International Visual Arts Scholarship

1996 Major Prize Winner, Emerging Artist award – Adelaide – Tour to Paris



Kung FU #40 Oil on Linen 122cm x 122cm

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Girl with Leopard Watercolour on Paper 107cm x 107cm





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