

WHAT WE TRULY DESIRE

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Andrea Holliday | Angela Leigh | Charmian Porter
Judith Rostron | Fiona Talintyre**

ARTIST STATEMENTS & ARTWORKS

This group exhibition explores the artists passions, feelings, and desires, taking you on a journey of introspection and what it means to be human.

What do we truly desire in our art? Why do people go to all the fuss of buying paintings and hanging them in their homes? The power in this art is to feel something intoxicating that resonates deep within you. Perhaps you see hope when you are feeling disheartened, or you feel beauty when your life feels stark, or you sense a celebration when life is good. Maybe that feeling is so deep you can't put words to it, but you find you can't tear your eyes away from the painting. In this group exhibition, the artists use their passions, feelings, and desires to create paintings that serve as a source of support and encouragement for others. As humans, what we truly desire is to be understood by others. In art, what we desire is for the painting to help us to understand ourselves a little bit better. Simply, art makes our lives better.

22 November – 3 December 2023

Art Space on The Concourse,
409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

11am to 5pm, Wednesday to Friday
11am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday

Willoughby Council is gratefully acknowledged for
the provision of Art Space on The Concourse



THE CONCOURSE

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DAWN BERGER

Birds and nests have always had a special place in my heart. To me, they symbolise warmth, security and the Miracle of Life. Interestingly, different cultures interpret them in other ways, such as protection, fertility and rebirth. I know life can be difficult at times, and when it does, painting opens up life for me. I like to lose myself in my artistic process and seek relief in the pleasure art provides. My desire is to make beautiful art that promises new life to the observer. These paintings represent my love of nature and all that it offers: new beginnings.

HABITAT

2023

Mixed Media on Canvas

50 x 76 cm

\$600



CREATIVE

2023

Mixed Media on Canvas

30 x 30 cm

\$495



HOPE

2023

Mixed Media on Canvas

30 x 30 cm

\$495



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PROSPERITY

2023

Mixed Media on Canvas

30 x 30 cm

\$495



AWAKENING

2023

Mixed Media on Canvas

30 x 30 cm

\$495



NEW BEGINNING

2023

Mixed Media on Canvas

30 x 30 cm

\$495



SANCTUARY

2023

Mixed Media on Canvas

30 x 30 cm

\$495



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MONICA CLONDA

My deepest desire is to be free from any personal or societal restraint or circumstance and experience freedom on my own terms. Part of that desire is to live with no regret. Presently this freedom is that of travel and this body of work reflects recent experiences of seeing new and favourite places through the medium of collage. Postcards are fast becoming an outdated practice, however both sender and recipient share an experience or memory via a material (paper) that can be permanent or impermanent for both. I have used Japanese paper for its exquisite beauty and my personal memories of place.

LA DOLCE VITA #1 THE ARTIST'S HOUSE ASCIANELLO

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

44 x 38 cm

\$750



LA DOLCE VITA #2 THE ARTIST'S HOUSE ASCIANELLO

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

44 x 38 cm

\$750



LA DOLCE VITA #3 MONTEPULCIANO

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

44 x 38 cm

\$750



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PARIS #1 HOMAGE TO MATISSE

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

44 x 38 cm

\$750



PARIS #2 HOMAGE TO MATISSE

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

44 x 38 cm

\$675



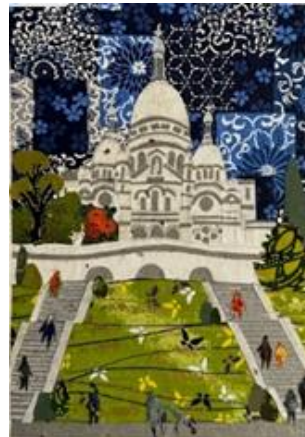
PARIS #3 SACRE COEUR MONTMARTRE

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

38 x 44 cm

\$750



PARIS #4 YAIYOI KUSUMA PAINTS PARIS

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Klimt inspired paper, Paris map.

38 x 44 cm

\$675



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PARIS #5 MANET'S MUSE

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Klimt inspired paper, Paris map.

38 x 44 cm

\$675



MONDELLO BEACH SICILY

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

38 x 44 cm

\$675



STURT DESERT PEAS FLINDERS RANGES SA

2023

Collage on Fabriano Watercolour paper, Japanese Kinwashi, Chiyogami, Yuzen papers

38 x 44 cm

\$675



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BRONWYN HAMMOND

I desire to be in harmony and balance with Nature. I want to saturate my senses with the colours of Nature; the blue of the sky, the greens of the trees, the deep ultramarine of the ocean. The multitude of colours of flowers, birds and insects. These enrich me and carry my creativity onward. This is what I hope is reflected in my paintings.

APPLE BLOSSOMS

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

61 x 91 cm

\$830



SUNFLOWERS 1

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

51 x 76 cm

\$780



APPLE BLOSSOMS 2

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

41 x 51cm

\$620



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APPLE BLOSSOM TREES

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

41 x 51 cm

\$620



SUNFLOWERS 2

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

31 x 41 cm

\$540



SUNFLOWERS 3

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

31 x 41 cm

\$540



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ANDREA HOLLIDAY

I desire the pursuit of beauty. In particular, my paintings celebrate the nude and feminine exquisiteness. When I look at beautiful things, like a fleeting glimpse of breast, or a tender line outlining a body, I feel I can distract myself from life's hardships and breathe a bit easier. In every painting I try to capture pleasure where, if only for a brief moment, the viewer may be taken to a perfect place beyond the worries of the day to day. I believe beautiful art makes life better.

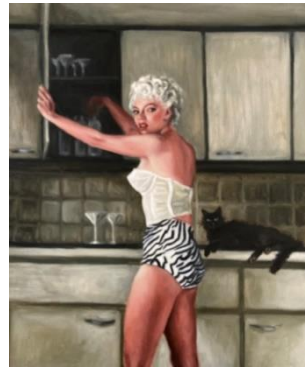
SHE WAS FUELLED BY GIN, SARCASM, AND CONSTANT INAPPROPRIATE THOUGHTS

2023

Oil on Canvas

50 x 60 cm

\$635



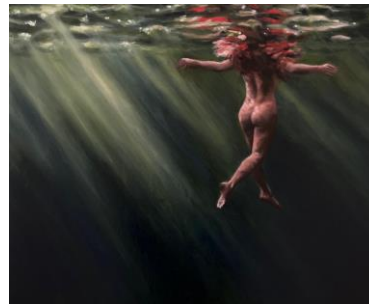
SHE FLOATED IN A SEA OF LIGHT OVER A MYSTIC DANCE FLOOR

2023

Oil on Canvas

60 x 50 cm

\$635



DIVING IS POETRY IN MOTION

2023

Oil on Canvas

50 x 60 cm

\$635



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SUMMER IS FUNNER

2023

Oil on Canvas

60 x 50 cm

\$635



THE MOON IS SWIMMING NAKED AND THE SUMMER NIGHT IS FRAGRANT WITH A MIGHTY EXPECTATION OF RELIEF

2023

Oil on Canvas

76 x 76 cm

\$1135



I FOLLOWED MY HEART AND IT LED ME TO THE OCEAN

2023

Oil on Canvas

60 x 50 cm

\$735



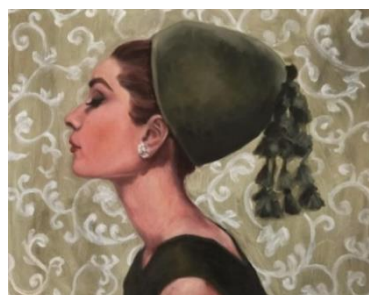
AUDREY, BEAUTY ART MY GODDESS

2023

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\$635



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ANGELA LEIGH

Moving to Australia from Bonnie Scotland in the late 1990s I am inspired to paint by so many everyday items that still look and feel exotic to me. I desire to capture and convey the natural beauty in the everyday. I love exploring the fascinating world of exotic plants and fruit which are often a sight to behold with their vibrant colours and unique shapes. In my art, I strive to make my subjects come alive on the canvas, showing their unique personality, and giving the viewer a personal connection to each piece.

BEE FRUITY

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

60 x 50 cm

\$620



BEE JUICY

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

45 x 45 cm

\$520



JUST BEE

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

60 x 50 cm

\$620



WHAT WE TRULY DESIRE

BEE KOOKY

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

30 x 60 cm

\$420



BEE FLORA

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

45 x 45 cm

\$520



BEE QUIRKY

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

30 x 60 cm

\$420



BEE FLIRTY

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

30 x 60 cm

\$420



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CHARMIAN PORTER

Finding the awe of nature is a desire that is truly fundamental to our wellbeing. These minimalist works project the quiet and lonely nature of the Australian bush. At times eerie and melancholy. Alone, we look, we listen, we watch and then - something more - we see! Like day break, our mind opens to the possibilities. Finding the ethereal and listening to the healing nature of this land, we find our connection.

REVERENCE 1

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

105 x 79 cm

\$1,550



REVERENCE 2

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

63 x 63 cm

\$950



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REVERENCE 3

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

63 x 63 cm

\$950



REVERENCE 4

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

63 x 63 cm

\$950



REVERENCE 5

2023

Acrylic on Canvas

63 x 63 cm

\$950



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JUDITH ROSTRON

What I truly desire is to only see positive things in life. My first painting shows diversions – music, song, art, travel, and sport. My second painting shows different places and cultures. Minority ethnic groups of the Arctic and Asia are of special interest. Classic treasures of Europe are a source of inspiration and wonder. The third painting shows the beauty of Nature with an intense appreciation of our unique flora and fauna. These paintings were created by using 300gsm Arches paper on a gelli plate, followed by layers of hand cut stencils made from old X-rays.

DIVERSIONS

2023

Mixed Media

41 x 53 cm

\$675



PEOPLE AND PLACES

2023

Mixed Media

41 x 53 cm

\$675



NATURE

2023

Mixed Media

41 x 53 cm

\$675



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FIONA TALINTYRE

Adorning our bodies with gemstones has been very consistent across both time and space, cutting across cultures, regions, gender, and class. My series of Gemstones are a symbolic part of human culture. They are powerful, lucky, can offer protection, bring wealth and good fortune. They can make you feel powerful, desired, loved and can even ward off evil spirits. I loved painting the reflections and colour variants in each one. Eight glossy pear-shaped gemstones, crisply painted with acrylic on a white canvas. Each framed in oak.

My series of soft sculptures have been inspired by the concept that things are not always as they seem and that sometimes you must allow a bit of time and put in some effort to discover hidden gems in life. Wool is an amazing thing and these crazy looking vessels have been formed using time, love, soap, water, dyed Australian Merino wool, embroidery thread & silk. I wanted to express my gratitude to the generations of Fibre Artists that have passed on their knowledge to me. These less-than perfect works are a homage to those crafty women who perfected their own practice, then passed it on through the generations.

THE AQUA ONE

2023

Acrylic on Canvas.

28 x 28 cm

\$540



THE YELLOW ONE

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Acrylic on Canvas.

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THE PURPLE ONE

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THE GREEN ONE

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Acrylic on Canvas.

28 x 28 cm

\$540



THE RED ONE

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28 x 28 cm

\$540



THE WHITE ONE

2023

Acrylic on Canvas.

28 x 28 cm

\$540



THE PINK ONE

2023

Acrylic on Canvas.

28 x 28 cm

\$540



THE BLUE ONE

2023

Acrylic on Canvas.

28 x 28 cm

\$540



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THE BIGGER GREY ONE

2023

Australian Merino wool & embroidery thread.

16 x 16 x 19 cm

\$295



THE BLUE & CREAM ONE WITH THE SILK

2023

Australian Merino wool, silk & embroidery thread.

19 x 19 x 13 cm

\$295



THE GREY ONE WITH THE COLOURED SPOTS

2023

Australian Merino wool & embroidery thread.

16 x 19 x 22 cm

\$295



THE GREY ONE

2023

Australian Merino wool & embroidery thread.

16 x 16 x 19 cm

\$295



THE LITTLE GREEN & CREAM ONE

2023

Australian Merino wool & embroidery thread.

10 x 11 x 13 cm

\$195

