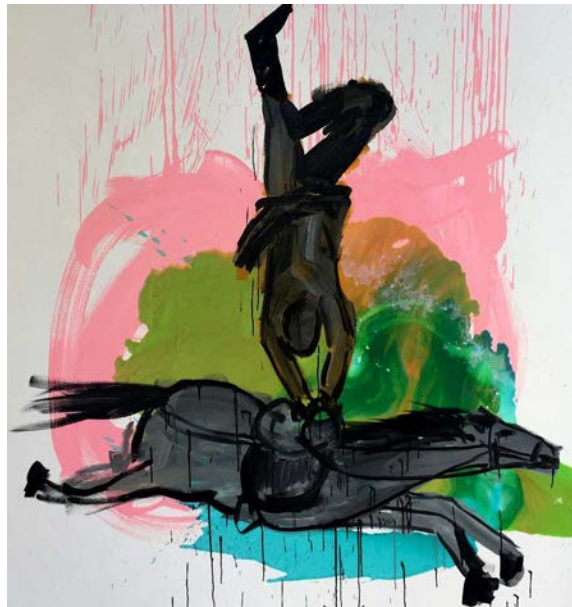


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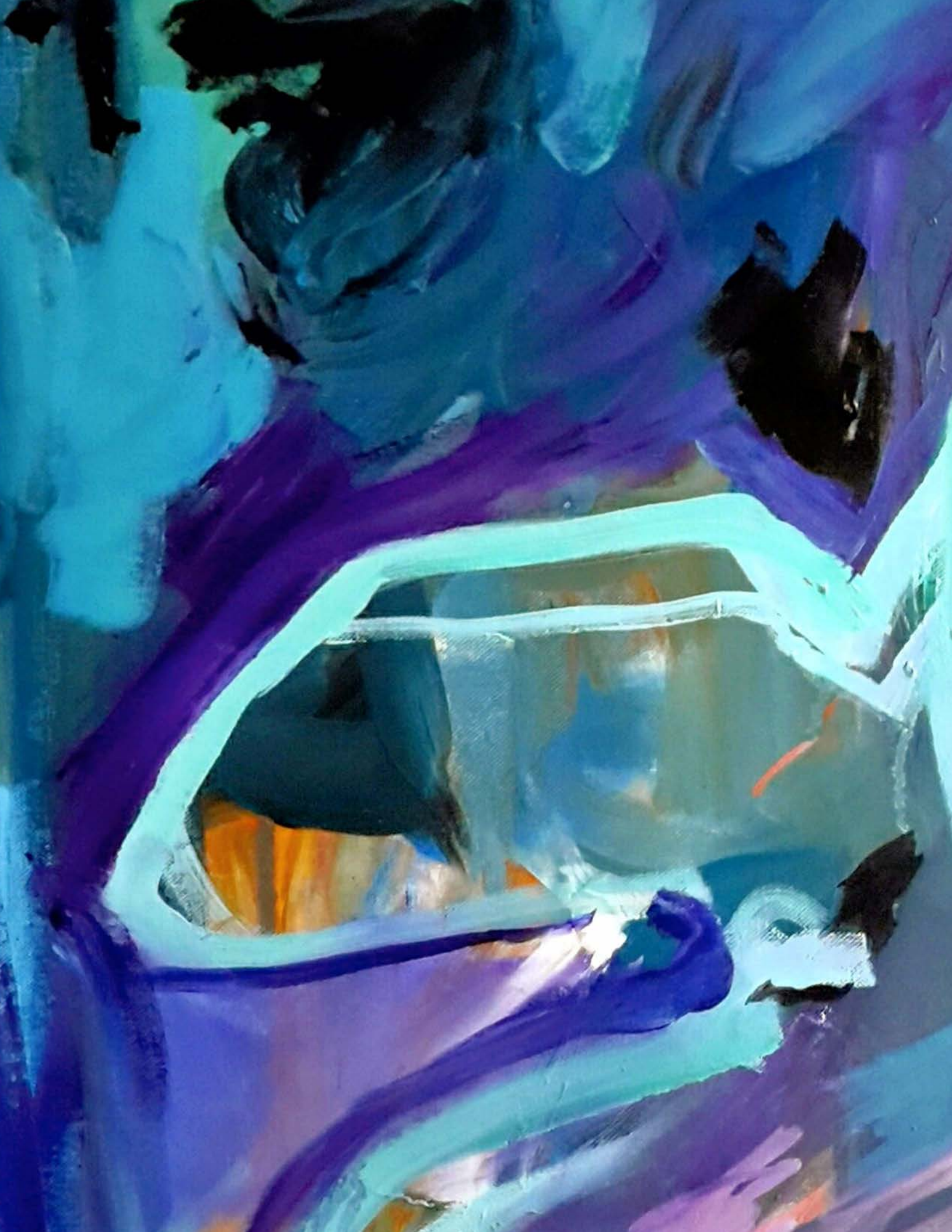
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# Zhong Chen



Girl on Chair  
Oil on Canvas  
137cm x 137cm

## Zhong Chen

“ 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



**Z**hong Chen is an internationally renowned and collected artist, who now lives and paints 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 Cultral 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 continously 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.



Riverscape  
Watercolour on Paper  
107cm x 107cm

# 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 (2008 and 2009) and was awarded the People's Choice Award for the Portrait Salon des Refusés Prize.

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 is preparing a new body of work for Singapore Contemporary 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



Girl with Leopard  
Watercolour on Paper  
107cm x 107cm



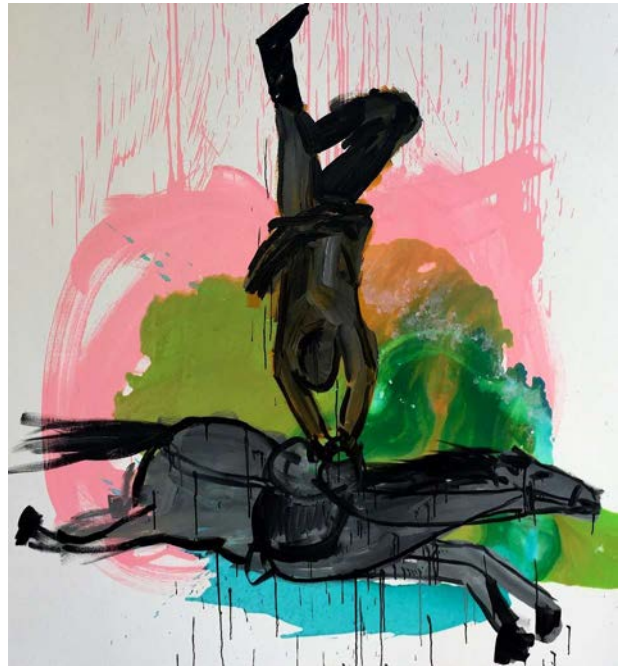
Batman 7  
Oil on Canvas  
137cm x 137cm



Untitled  
Oil on Canvas  
137cm x 137cm



Batman 5  
Oil on Canvas  
137cm x 137cm



Man and Horse  
Oil on Canvas  
137cm x 137cm



# Zhong Chen



Winter Days XIII  
Oil on Linen  
137cm x 137cm

# 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**

2016 Asia Contemporary Art Show Conrad Hotel 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

2011 The Archibald Prize, finalist, The Art Gallery of New South Wales  
2011 Kings School Art Prize - Finalist  
2009 Salon des Refusés, Peoples Choice Award  
2008 Sulman Prize, finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney  
2008 Archibald 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 #50  
Oil on Canvas  
137cm x 137cm

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

2005 'Paintings by Zhong Chen', Greenhill Galleries, Review by Judith McGrath  
2005 Makin, Jeff, 'Squaring up old Shanghai', The Herald Sun, Melbourne  
2005 'Marriage of old and new experiences', The Whitehorse Leader, Melbourne  
2005 Smith, Nyanda, 'Zhong Chen' Greenhill Galleries, Perth  
2004 'Shanghai Summer' Exhibition Catalogue, Schubert  
Contemporary, Gold Coast  
2004 Maier, Heidi, 'Homeland Inspiration', The Courier Mail, Queensland  
2004 'Not all as it seems', The Gold Coast Weekender, Queensland  
2004 Xin Nian Contemporary Chinese Australian Art Catalogue and CD  
2003 'The Pixel Paintings' Eva Breuer Gallery Catalogue  
2003 The top 50 collectable artists, The Art Collector Magazine  
2003 'In the Frame' The Sun Herald, Sydney  
2003 Li Zhi, 'The Pixel Myth', The Australian Art Review Magazine,  
November - February 2003  
2002 SBS art award catalogue  
2001 200 Gertrude Street Catalogue  
2000 Nelson, Robert, 'Fairs and Prizes enhance art's allure, The Age, October  
2000 'The Right Chemistry', The Adelaide Review, September  
2000 'Chemistry', South Australian Art  
1990 The Faulding Exhibition Catalogue  
2000 Cultural Identity at heart of SA Award Winner's Paintings, State of  
the Arts Magazine  
1999 'The Samstag Accelerator Effect', Artlink Magazine of  
Contemporary Arts Vol 18 # 4  
1999 Lloyd, Tim, 'A man of talent finds his art and a home in his past',  
The Advertiser – Adelaide  
1999 Radok, Stephanie, 'My hyphenated identity', The Adelaide  
Review, Adelaide

Kung FU Masters  
Watercolour on Paper  
107cm x 107cm





## Rhonda Cao

“ 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 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 2/6

### **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**

### **2016**

September

Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong

March

Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong

### **2015**

March

Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong

### **2014**

October

Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong

May

Asia Contemporary Art Show, Conrad Hong Kong

### **2013**

October

Asia Contemporary Art Show, The Marriott Hong Kong

May

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

Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery Brisbane

Martin Galleries, Nundah Brisbane

The Gallery Eumundi Queensland

### **2009**

The Body Study ,Martin Galleries Brisbane

Whimsy (group), Logan Art Gallery

### **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, Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery Brisbane

Sculptors Queensland Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens Brisbane

Preview RM Galleries Brisbane



## **Exhibitions (Cont)**

### **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  
Edition 1/9

# Rhonda Cao



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

## **Beached Bums**

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.



## Stephen Glassborow

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



**B**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.



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1 Dance Machine  
Bronze  
Edition 6/11

2 Fractal  
Bronze  
Edition 10/11

# Stephen Glassborow

## **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 Freemnadle 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 Martin 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 International 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

# Stephen Glassborow



Super Model  
Bronze  
Edition A/P



Jupiter  
Bronze  
Edition 4/15

# Stephen Glassborow



Rocking Horse  
Bronze  
Edition AP



Hi Fashion  
Bronze  
Edition 10/11



## Nara Walker



**The use of oil paint has been harnessed to depict raw emotion and genuine marks, conveying movement and form**



**N**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 Bloom 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.

### **Singapore Contemporary 2017**

The series Absorb has been created for my debut showcase in Singapore and will be exclusively represented by The Gallery Eumundi during Singapore Contemporary Art Fair 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.



Mountains  
Oil on Canvas  
50cm x 50cm

# Nara Walker

## **Education and Work Experience**

2015 Long list, Bloom Award

workshop, Cologne Germany

2011 - 2014 Bachelor of Fine Art with

Honours year, Griffith University,

Brisbane Australia

2007 - 2009 Diploma of Visual Art, Noosa Tafe, Sunshine Coast Australia

Research and Work Experience

2015 October, Dance & Draw, Teacher role, Open Art Spaces, Pocket Arts, Chelsea Library, London UK

2013 - 2014 February, Bachelor of Fine Art with Honours, exegesis- Research project to create a body of

work which encompassed the senses and physicality of the sexual body. Griffith University, Brisbane Australia

## **Awards**

2016 BLOOM Award, Shortlist, Cologne, Germany

2016 Jackson Art Prize, Long list, London UK

2015 Scope Art Show, Finalist, See Me award, Miami USA

2015 BLOOM 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

## **Nara Walker**

2016 December, Hair Pull Live performance, Bid Four, OT301, Amsterdam Netherlands

2017 January, Empath Eyes, Theater and exhibition, London UK

2017 January, Brunswick Street Gallery, Group show, Melbourne Australia

2017 January, Singapore Contemporary, Represented by The Gallery Eumundi, Singapore

2017 March and throughout the year, Group show, On Art Gallery Firenze, Florence Italy

2017 Solo show, Marfa Gallery, Melbourne Australia

2017 Solo Exhibition, Just Art Gerichtsgalerie, Berlin Germany

Future plans for Artist in Residence at: Pantocrátor Gallery, Shanghai, China and Instinc, Singapore



**Collections**

2016 Mine Sanat Gallery, Bodrum Turkey

2016 The National Parliament Library, Tbilisi Georgia

2015 Gallery of City Museum of Aveiro, Aveiro Portugal

**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



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

# Nara Walker

## Group Exhibitions

- 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 - Traveling show, curated by Stefania Carrozzini, 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, Traveling show, Curated by Stefania Carrozzini, Chelsea, New York City USA
- 2016 WITP, Clerkenwell Gallery, London UK
- 2016 Mstkheta, Georgia Independence Day - Open Air Exhibition, Paint for Georgia Art Festival, Georgia
- 2016 Paint for Georgia Artist in Residence, The National Parliamentary Library, Tbilisi Georgia
- 2016 Asgard-Arts, online directory and sales, UK
- 2016 Axis Gallery, Sunshine Coast Australia
- 2015 Scope Art Show, digital display and finalist in the SeeMe award, Miami USA
- 2015 Flux, Live Performance, Royal Academy of Arts, London UK
- 2015 Exhibit Here's Art Maze Exhibition at Bargehouse, OXO Tower Wharf, London UK
- 2015 Frieze London 2015 VIP Rendezvous, Art Naked, The Library, London UK
- 2015 Confluence, Espacio Gallery, London UK
- 2015 Letters to a Lady, Collaboration - Live Performance, The Library, London UK
- 2015 Tribe, Exhibition and Live Performance, Ugly Duck, London UK
- 2015 Connect to Colour, Summer Art Award, Finalist Exhibition, Lacey Contemporary, London UK
- 2015 Future and Behind, Hair Pull-Live Performance, Con-Temporary5, Venice Italy
- 2015 Memories of Self, Self Festival, Energy String-Live Performance), Venice Art House, Venice Italy
- 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

### **Group Exhibitions (Cont'd)**

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  
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

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-saqarthvelosthvis-erthi-ideisgarshemo-gaerthianebuli-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  
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<<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/avustralyalı-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti-37285047>>

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2016 Haberler, Avustralyalı Ressam, Vu`cuduyla Tablo Yaptı  
<<http://www.haberler.com/avustralyalı-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/avustralyalı-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti/>>



Sef Portrait  
Oil on Canvas  
50cm x 50cm



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

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- 2016 Gazete A24, Avustralyalı ressam, vü'cuduyla tablo yaptı  
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- 2016 Haberin, Avustralyalı ressam, vü'cuduyla tablo yaptı  
<<http://www.haberin.co/kultur-sanat/avustralyalı-ressam-vucuduyla-tablo-yapti-h3932.html>>
- 2016 Vatan, newspaper print, Vü'cuduyla tablo yaptı
- 2016 Habertu'rk, newspaper print, Avustralyalı ressam vucuduyla tablo yaptı
- 2016 Bodrum da Bugun, Beauty Amongst Chaos - "Kaosun Icindeki Guzellik"  
<<http://www.bodrumdabugun.com/news-item/avustralyalı-ressamin-fircasından-kaosun-icindekiguzellik/>>
- 2016 Hurriyet, Beauty Amongst Chaos - "Kaosun Icindeki Guzellik"  
<<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/hayran-birakti-40105654>>
- 2016 April, artist interview, Chrom-Art  
<<http://www.chrom-art.org/2016/04/10/seduction-through-painting-in-nara-walker-s-practice/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  
<<http://www.thepalettepages.com/2015/08/23/nara-walker/>>
- 2015 Ruth Borchard Self Portrait Prize, Catalogue  
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- 2015 LandEscape Magazine 7th Edition, artist interview – Front page and 24 page spread  
<[http://issuu.com/landescapeartpress/docs/landescape\\_art\\_review\\_-\\_special\\_edi](http://issuu.com/landescapeartpress/docs/landescape_art_review_-_special_edi)>
- 2015 Protecht Catalogue, Artist interview
- 2015 Reyker, Artist Interview
- 2014 Artist in Residence Interview, Juxtaposed Gallery  
<<http://www.juxtaposedgallery.com/#!artist-in-residence/cit3>>
- 2013 The Hold, Middle Ground Catalogue  
<[www.theholdartspace.com](http://www.theholdartspace.com)>
- 2013 Art Monthly Australia, The Emerging Issue, The QCA School, Rex Butler

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



Holding On  
Oil on Canvas  
105cm x 105cm



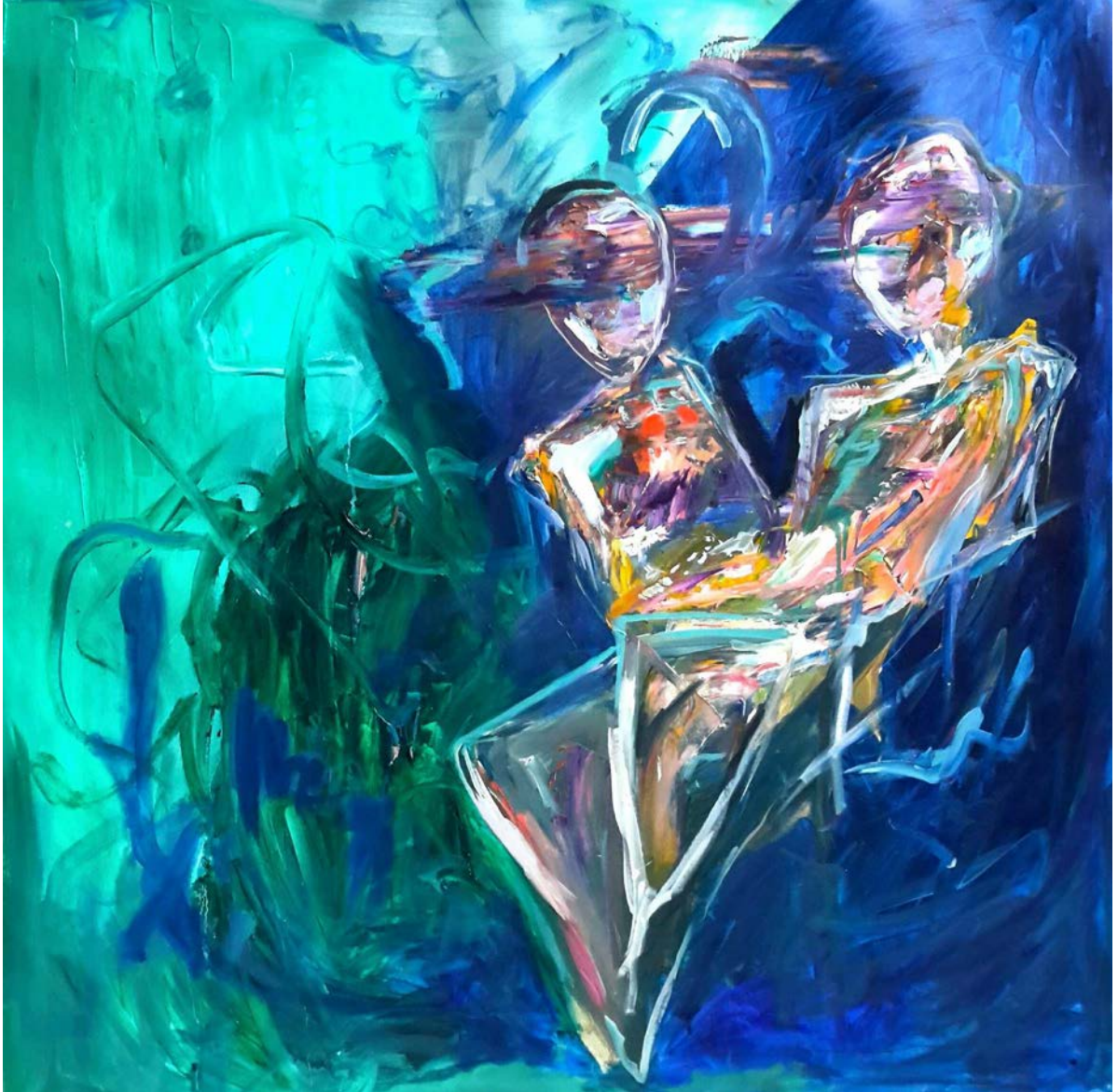
Think Pink  
Oil on Canvas  
57.5cm x 57.5cm



Repetition Purple  
Oil on Canvas  
62cm x 60cm



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Mirror Me  
Oil on Canvas  
105cm x 105cm

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Moulded  
Oil on Canvas  
105cm x 105cm



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Body Print  
Oil on Canvas  
57.5cm x 57.5cm

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