



SARAH McDONALD

Born in Adelaide in 1974, South Australia, Sarah McDonald worked as an artist and art teacher in Australia and the United Kingdom after completing her B.A. in Art and Design Education at the University of South Australia in 1995. Inspired by her travels, she returned to Australia and has had 14 successful solo exhibitions in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and New York as well as many group shows and corporate commissions.

ARTIST STATEMENT

"My paintings are semi abstract, expressive oil paintings inspired by both the natural and urban landscape. Vivid use of colour, textured surfaces and energetic brushstrokes help capture my interpretation of the subject matter. Making paintings by creating a variety of surfaces, layering paint with large brushes and palette knives, I enjoy exploring the paints physicality, embracing the 'accident'. I allow the work to develop and change throughout the building process. Strong colour contrasts, exaggerated light and a solid composition are all crucial elements in all my work, as are the marks and brushstrokes that render movement and a tactile experience. I respond intuitively when making marks and choosing colours yet, at the same time, it is considered. I invite the viewer to make their own connections and draw on memories and experiences."

EXHIBITIONS:

Solo Exhibitions:

2015: DogRidge Gallery, McLaren Vale SA

2014: The Gallery on Waymouth, Adelaide

2013: Murdoch Hill Wines, Adelaide

2008: Gallery 139, Adelaide

2006: Browns Gallery, Adelaide

2005: Maree Mizon Gallery, Sydney

2005: Browns Gallery, Adelaide

2003: Browns Gallery, Adelaide

2003: Intrude Gallery, Melbourne

2002: Greenhill Galleries Adelaide

2001: Browns Gallery, Adelaide

1999: Browns Gallery, Adelaide

1998: Liberator Gallery, Adelaide

1997: Browns Gallery, Adelaide

Group Exhibitions:

2015: Hill of Grace Restaurant, Adelaide Oval
2015: SpringArt, Adelaide
2015: SALA St Ignatius Art Show
2014: SpringArt, Adelaide
2013: SALA st. Ignatius Art Show
2012: Stirling Fine Art Show
2012: Goodwood ArtHouse
2010: Arispace Gallery, Adelaide
2008: Gallery 139, Adelaide
2005: Agora Gallery, New York USA
2005: Maree Mizon Gallery, Sydney
2004: Hill-Smith Fine Art Gallery
2003: Smart Art, Adelaide
2003: ARTS SA, Hindley st, Adelaide
2003: Prospect Gallery, Adelaide
2002: Arterial Gallery, Adelaide
2002-2003: Art Images Gallery, Adelaide
2000: Greenhill Galleries, Adelaide
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COMMISSIONS:

2005: AIR APARTMENTS, The Pickard Group/Tectvs Design
2005: DHL: Macquarie Goodman Pty Ltd
2005: Private Residence, Adelaide
2006: Australian Paralympic Committee
2006: Lin Fox: Macquarie Goodman Pty Ltd
2006: Hino: Macquarie Goodman Pty Ltd
2008: Private Residence Adelaide
2012: Private Residence, Adelaide
2013: Private Residence, Sydney
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2015: Private Residence, Adelaide
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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE:

2014: St Peter's College Adelaide



From the "Travel Diaries" exhibition Adelaide 2014