

SALLY BROWNE

Sally Browne is a visual artist from Sydney, best known for her stylised paintings of Australian Flora and Fauna. Sally grew up in the UK where she commenced her formal studies in Art and Surface Pattern Design, before travelling throughout South East Asia and settling in Sydney.

She worked as an art director (branding) for 15 years prior to launching into painting full time in 2015.

"My work is informed by the wild nature that flourishes in the unkempt gardens and streets of my inner city neighbourhood. I use colour, composition and expressive line to create two dimensional narratives of my surroundings. Our flora and fauna here in Sydney is exotic and unique, and for the moment, still thriving in pockets amongst the hum of the big city backdrop.



I'm particularly interested in the backyard birds, exotic street trees and the clusters of native plants that exist within my urban surroundings." My work sits somewhere in-between representation and abstraction. I love working with watercolour and ink because I enjoy the thrill of making fast, expressive marks spontaneously and intuitively. My intention is to capture the fleeting nature of my subject by keeping my paintings in the spirit of a sketch. I combine fragments of remembered or imagined places with drawings of plants and birds studied from life. Mood and emotion play a large part in my art practice and my work swings from the joyful acknowledgement of our unique flora and fauna to melancholy messages of environmental disaster and looming species extinction, depending on how much media or activism I am engaged in at the time.

Influences: Owen Jones' The Grammar of Ornament, Ukiyo-e, Brett Whiteley, David Hockney and Margaret Preston.

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b. 1974, Portsmouth, United Kingdom. Lives and works in Sydney, Australia.

Exhibitions

- 2020 Group exhibition - The Moree Gallery, Moree, NSW
- 2020 Group exhibition - Oriental, Humble House Gallery, Canberra
- 2019 Group exhibition - Efflorescence, Humble House Gallery, Canberra
- 2019 Solo exhibition - Rare and Precious Things, Art Images Gallery, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2019 Group exhibition - Botanical Inspirations, Art Images Gallery, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2018 Group exhibition, Satch & Co Gallery, Holbrook, NSW
- 2017 Group exhibition, Arty Party Art Images Gallery, South Australia
- 2017 Group exhibition Pen, Line, Paint, 220 Gallery, Woolloomooloo, Sydney, Australia