

robforlani CONTEMPORARY ARTIST

"I'm in a sense...an improvisational artist, improvising a real life situation into Art."

"A climate of colour with layers of shape, while the sensitivity lies in the emotional tags. A loose freedom provides a bold colourful language yet still remains intimate for the viewer."

"This then guides my brush strokes into abstract pieces. Every piece has a meaning as I try to precipitate events in the real world into more of a concrete circumstance, a kind of Abstract Realism if such a thing exists...This is my method." -Rob Forlani

Australian artist Rob Forlani was Initially an impressionist painter taught by his school mentor Daryl Jane; then the serendipitous discovery of artists such as Hans Hofmann, Kline, Pollock and Frankenthaler aroused Rob's interest in Abstract Expressionism.

A process of precipitating real life events and situations and spawning ideas ultimately culminated in abstract paintings created for his first solo exhibition in 2000.

In Mid 2005 Rob was selected to participate in New York's Agora Gallery's "Out From Down Under and Beyond: An Exhibition of Fine Art from Australia and New Zealand" with 11 other well-known Australian artists.

While traveling through some of the USA's most eclectic cities, such as New York, Boston, Washington DC and San Francisco, Rob was able add to his growing melting pot of influence and style.

In 2006, Rob's work was chosen for a solo exhibition, entitled "Essential Abstracts," to open Zinc Details newest store, San Francisco's globally renowned interior store. Shortly after San Francisco, Rob exhibited and attended his first European solo exhibition at the Art Gallerier Moderna i Stockholm.

Through a 6 month period through the European winter of 2008/09 Rob lived in Stockholm and held exhibits in Finland, England and Sweden enhancing a reputation for bold, striking large abstract work with a decidedly Australian flavour.

In 2013 Rob's work was successfully exhibited in Bologna, Italy with a repeat exhibition mid-2014, this then led to group exhibitions in the years 2016 - '17 in Madrid, Valencia and Aix-en-Provence in France which then led into his regular showings in Australia at Sydney and Yallingup in 2018.

2019/2020 led to another 7-week journey to Europe with a series of exhibitions starting in Sweden then Italy and culminating in Paris at the Grand Palais.

March of 2021 Rob was was invited and appointed by The Dampier Community Association to Judge the 'Dampier Art Awards' in the Pilbara as well as conduct 2 workshops for the community during the art week.

Rob has successfully displayed his work in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Paris, Bologna, Stockholm, Auckland, London, Helsinki, New York and San Francisco.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 "AB/X - Coded Conversation" - Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia
- 2019 "Cielo" - Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia
- 2016 "Transfix" - Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia
- 2015 "Orrizonte 1.5" - Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia
- 2014 "Thoughts+Colour" Art2Muse Gallery Double Bay, Sydney
- 2013 "Outbursts" - Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia

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- 2013 "Tension & Release" -Art2Muse Gallery Double Bay, Sydney
- 2012 "Esoterica" Art2Muse Gallery Double Bay, Sydney
- 2011 "Uprising" Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia
- 2011 "Abstraktion" The Studio Gallery Yallingup, Western Australia
- 2010 "19 Voices" Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia
- 2009 "Undercurrent" Linton & Kay Contemporary, Subiaco, Western Australia
- 2009 "Australien" Minsyster och jag, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2008 "New Works" Tempo Art, Armadale, Melbourne, Australia
- 2008 "Modern Parallels" LK Galleries, Subiaco, Western Australia
- 2007 "Tiger Lounge" Fusion Fine Arts, Mandurah Ocean Marina, Western Australia
- 2007 "Compressed Tangents" Gallery 101, Western Australia Club, Perth
- 2006 "Ambianza" Art Gallerier Moderna i Stockholm, Sweden
- 2006 "New Works" Borgia Fine Arts, San Francisco, USA
- 2006 "Quintessence" Tristan's the Gallery, Northbridge, Western Australia
- 2005 "Essential Abstracts" Zinc Details Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2005 "Symbolista" Jahroc Gallery, Margaret River, Western Australia
- 2004 "New Mood" Kings Art Gallery, Perth, Western Australia
- 2003 "New Works" Gadfly Gallery, Dalkeith, Western Australia

Selected Joint/Group Exhibitions

- 2021 Group Exhibition -"Palette" - Juniper Galleries, Darlington, Western Australia
- 2021 Group Exhibition -"Journey" - The Studio Gallery, Yallingup
- 2020 Group Exhibition -"ART CAPITAL" - Grand Palais, Paris France
- 2019 Group Exhibition - "The Illusion of Reality", Galleria De Marchi Bologna, Italy
- 2018 Joint Exhibition - "A Christmas Feast" Gallows Gallery, Perth Western Australia
- 2018 Group Exhibition -"Summer Days" The Studio Gallery, Yallingup
- 2018 Group Exhibition -"Biennal Lluit Art 2018" Valencia, Spain
- 2017 Group Exhibition -"Red 2017" Gallery 25N, New York, USA
- 2017 Group Exhibition -"Unique Realities" Madrid, Spain
- 2017 Group Exhibition -"Le Sm'Art" Contemporary Art Fair, Aix-en-Provence, France
- 2015 Group Exhibition -"Summer Exhibition" The Studio Gallery, Yallingup
- 2014 Group Exhibition -"Christmas Exhibition", The Studio Gallery, Yallingup
- 2013 Group Exhibition -"Ultra Funk", Studio 281 Gallery Maylands, Western Australia
- 2013 Group Exhibition -"Variations", Galleria de' Marchi Bologna, Italy
- 2013 Group Exhibition -"Spring Exhibition", The Studio Gallery, Yallingup
- 2013 Group Exhibition -"Little Treasures" Galleria de' Marchi Bologna, Italy
- 2012 Group Exhibition -"Christmas Exhibition" The Studio Gallery, Yallingup
- 2011 Group Exhibition -"August '11 Exhibition" Manyung Gallery, Melbourne
- 2010 Group Exhibition -Cossack Art Awards Broome, Western Australia
- 2010 Joint Exhibition -"Soul" Fusion Fine Arts, Mandurah, Western Australia
- 2010 Group Exhibition -"March 2010 Exhibition" Manyung Gallery, Melbourne
- 2009 Group Exhibition -"Art Sydney '09", The Royal Hall of Industries, Sydney
- 2009 Group Exhibition -"August '09 Exhibition" Manyung Gallery, Melbourne
- 2009 Group Exhibition -"Hilton Adelaide Selection", Greenhill Galleries, South Australia
- 2009 Group Exhibition -Hopeinen Sivellin Galleria Helsinki, Finland
- 2008 Group Exhibition -"Art in Mind", The Bricklane Gallery, London
- 2008 Group Exhibition -"Tiramisu", Fad Gallery Melbourne, Australia
- 2008 Group Exhibition -"Abstract Elements" Lumiere Gallery, Cottesloe, WA
- 2007 Group Exhibition -Con.ceit' 07 Corangamarah Art Prize, Victoria, (by Invitation)
- 2006 Group Exhibition -"Little Tempters" Artworks Gallery, Gold Coast, Queensland
- 2006 Group Exhibition -Greenhill Galleries Adelaide, South Australia
- 2006 Group Exhibition -"Inspired Collective" ARQ Artworks, Osborne Park, WA
- 2006 Joint Exhibition -"Lush" Fusion Fine Arts, Mandurah Ocean Marina, WA
- 2005 Joint Exhibition -Borgia Fine Arts, San Francisco, USA

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2005 Group Exhibition -Agora Gallery SoHo, New York, USA
2004 Group Exhibition -"Mt Lawley the Journey." Gallery 360 Mt. Lawley
2000 Joint Exhibition -Accent Gallery Dalkeith, Western Australia

Commissions

The Star, Casino VIP Lounge Sydney
Rodger Corser
Frank Digital Marketing, Sydney
Muse Ten, San Francisco, USA
Perth Oncology, Subiaco, Western Australia
Cliffs Asia-Pacific, Perth
Skanska Construction, Sweden
Geisha Bar, Northbridge, Perth
Statton on Murray Apartments, Perth
Coca-Cola, Perth
Crisp Civitella Smith Lawyers, Perth
ANZ Bank Head Office, Perth
Shearman's Strategic Communication, Northbridge, Perth
Loretta Carbray Interior Decorator, Hobart
Kings Perth Hotel, Perth
City OF Stirling Municipal Offices, Western Australia
Peter Fletcher Realty, Victoria Park, Western Australia
Azure Capital Lawyers, Perth
Clue Design web design & development, South Perth
Starlight Publicity, Perth
Pineview Lifestyle Village, Tapping, Western Australia
Heart Foundation, Western Australia
Scoop Magazine, Western Australia
Lauriston Girls School, Melbourne
Joondalup Health Campus, Western Australia
Summit Homes, Western Australia
NSC Corporate Consultants, Perth
Burrup Fertilizers Pty Ltd, Western Australia
MI Constructions, Western Australia
Odin Road Chiropractic Centre Western Australia
Glen O'Brien Real Estate, Fremantle, Western Australia
Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, Western Australia
Surround Sounds, Nedlands, Western Australia
Whale + Ale Pub, Western Australia
Murchison Metals, West Perth
Mirvac Group, Perth
Don Russell Homes
Whirlpool (West Australia) Pty Ltd
CKA Risk Solutions Pty Ltd

Represented by:

- Gallows Gallery Mosman Park, Western Australia
- The Studio Gallery Yallingup, Western Australia
- Art Images Gallery Adelaide, South Australia
- Salt Contemporary Art, Queenscliff, Victoria Australia
- Agora Gallery SoHo, New York, USA
- Art Moderna Gallerier i Stockholm, Sweden
- The Bricklane Gallery London, United Kingdom
- Wentworth Galleries, Sydney Australia

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- Galleria de' Marchi Bologna, Italy

Media

- Access Channel 31 "Eye On Perth" July, 2002
- Xpress Magazine, "Eye For Arts" April, 2002
- Postcards W.A. July, 2004
- The Sunday Times "STM" Aug, 2004
- The Sunday Times Home Section Oct, 2004
- Scoop Magazine Sept, 2004
- Insite Magazine Nov, 2004
- Australian House & Garden Nov, 2004
- P+L Magazine Mar, 2005
- Zebra Magazine Jan, 2005
- Homes & Living Western Australia Jan, 2005
- 7 Network "My Restaurant Rules" Mar, 2005
- ArtisSpectrum Magazine, USA May, 2005
- Qantas In Flight Magazine May, 2005
- The West Australian Newspaper "Today" July, 2005
- The Sunday Times, "Prestige Property" Oct, 2005
- Instyle Custom Homes Magazine Oct, 2005
- Insite Homes Design & Art Magazine Dec, 2005
- The Sunday Times "STM", Celebri-Art" Jan, 2006
- The Sunday Times, "Prestige Property" Feb, 2006
- X-Press Magazine, Celebri-Art April, 2006
- Radio Mix 94.5 FM Morning Crew Mar, 2006
- The Sunday Times STM magazine "Mainy Hits The Canvas" May, 2006
- The Sunday Times STM magazine "Deckchair Auction" June, 2006
- Artist Chronicle WA July, 2006
- Western Suburbs Weekly "Work Of Art" Aug, 2006
- Stockholm City Newspaper "Ambianza" Aug, 2006
- Kultur 1 magazine, Stockholm Aug, 2006
- WA Homes & Living Magazine "Art Edition" Spring 2006 Sept, 2006
- The West Australian Newspaper "ART" by Debbie Guest Sept, 2006
- Radio 6PR Di Bauwens "Out And About In Perth" Sept, 2006
- X-Press Magazine "Eye 4 Arts" Oct, 2006
- The Sunday Times, Home Magazine "Smart Home" Jan, 2007
- Scoop Magazine June, 2007
- Radio RTR FM 92.1 Morning Magazine, The Arts Aug, 2007
- Southern Gazette Arts & Lifestyle "Brighter future for WA Art Oct, 2007
- Australian Art Collector Nov, 2007
- Box Magazine Australia, 18 Autumn Edition March, 2008
- INSITE 22 spring edition "Let there be light." Sept, 2009
- Australian Art Collector Special 50th Edition Oct-Dec, 2009
- Art Gallery Guide Australia Nov, 2009
- Scoop Art and Homes Spring Edition Sept, 2011
- Australian Art Collector Summer Edition Nov, 2013
- Issue #11 of Rivierart, Montreux Switzerland Feb, 2014
- Gallery Watch, West TV Perth Feb, 2014
- Prestige Property, Western Suburbs Weekly Perth June, 2017

Education

- Curtin University - Creative Arts and Media

Associations

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- Member Artsource Western Australia
- Member Artist Universal, Helsinki, Finland
- Instructor, Tresillian Arts Centre, Nedlands Western Australia
- Lecturer, Victoria Park Centre for the Arts, Western Australia
- Lecturer, Claremont School of Art, Western Australia

Awards

- 2005 'Art Flight' -Department of Culture & the Arts W.A. Agora Gallery New York Exhibiton
- 2013 'Premio Bertelli Award', Little Treasures Exhibition, Galleria de' Marchi Bologna Italy
- 2013 'Premio della Critica Award', Variations Exhibition, Trevisan International Art, Bologna Italy
- 2021 'Dampier Art Awards' - Guest Judge for 2021
- 2021 'Cossack Art Awards - Artist in Residence' Western Australia