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Rob Forlani

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

"When asked where I sit in the art world I would say that I have become known for bold application of colour and texture in my work. I attempt the use of symbolism to mark my marks on the canvas as a starting point, which for me is crucial.

"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

It's Rob's collective experiences brought to life by art mentor/impressionist painter Daryl Jane, living in Italy for 3 months in his teens and the post-impressionist and 'fauve' movements that influenced his artistic direction. It was then the serendipitous discovery of artists such as Kandinsky, Hofmann, Pollock and Frankenthaler that aroused Rob's interest in Abstract Expressionism.

This then started a process of precipitating real life events and situations, spawning concepts and ideas, which ultimately culminate in abstract paintings creating his first 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 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.

Rob has successfully displayed his work in Perth, Margaret River, Sydney, Melbourne, The Gold Coast, Adelaide, Stockholm, Auckland, London, Helsinki, Seoul, New York and San Francisco.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 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, Western Australia
- 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

- 2010 Joint Exhibition "Soul" with Shannon Hamilton, Fusion Fine Arts, WA
- 2010 Group exhibition "Gallows Gallery", Mosman Park, Western Australia
- 2010 Guest Artist "Newman College Art Festival 2010", Perth, Australia
- 2010 Group Exhibition "March 2010 Exhibition" Manyung Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2009 Group Exhibition "Art Sydney '09", The Royal Hall of Industries, Sydney
- 2009 Group Exhibition "August '09 Exhibition" Manyung Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 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, West Australia
2007	Group Exhibition	Con.ceit' 07 - the 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
2005	Group Exhibition	Agora Gallery, SoHo, New York, USA
2004	Group Exhibition	"Mt Lawley the Journey." Gallery 360 Mt. Lawley
2002	Joint Exhibition	Accent Gallery, Dalkeith, Western Australia

Commissions

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

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" The Mint Leaf Restaurant		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
Australian Art Collector, 'Artists ready to shine'	April -June, 2010
Australian Art Collector	Aug, 2011

Education

Perth College of Further Education for the Arts

Associations

Member "The Artists Foundation of Western Australia"

Member Artist Universal, Helsinki, Finland

Saatchi Gallery, London

Lecturer, Claremont School of Art, Western Australia

Lecturer, Victoria Park Centre for the Arts, Western Australia

Awards – Grants

Art Flight, Department of Culture & the Arts W.A. –AGORA GALLERY NEW YORK EXHIBITION 2005