

ARTIST STATEMENT

My name is Laural Lawless, and I am an artist from Yarrawonga in North East Victoria.

I started painting again 9 years ago, under the tuition of a well-known and accomplished artist 'Kate Gorman'. Today I paint full time and have exhibited both locally and interstate, in both group and solo exhibitions.

When I start a painting, I choose a colour and I lose myself in it. Completely spontaneous, I try not to confine myself to a certain technique or structure, and the work begins to grow. Slowly but surely, textures, details and shapes begin to form.

Moving forward, I aim to experiment with new ideas and techniques while still following some of my earlier practices. Expressing myself through a playful, abstract style.

My intention as an artist is to tell a story through my work. I envisage the viewer pausing and observing all the small pieces that conclude the story.

INSPIRATIONS

"Wildflowers V & VI"

My trip to the Flinders Ranges a few years ago inspired me to paint a series. I have endeavoured to portray the natural beauty, colour and texture of the Wildflowers, which bring the normally rugged beauty of the area to life for a few short weeks each year.

"Rock Series"

Inspired by the Warby Ranges, in Wangaratta, North East Victoria.

"LaLa Land Series"

Inspired by my love of our Australian landscape, colour and my sense of fun.

ARTIST CV

Over the past seven years I have been fortunate enough to receive the following awards;

2019: Winner of First Prize Oil/Acrylic/Mixed Media, Rutherglen Tastes of Art, VIC. Judged by Ken Raff.

2018: Winner of Professional Artist Award, Paint Presto, Wangaratta Art Gallery, VIC. Judged by Vanessa Ashcroft.

2017: Winner of Professional Artist Award, Paint Presto, Wangaratta Art Gallery, VIC. Judged by Archibald winner, Wendy Sharp.

2016: People's Choice Award, Paint Presto, Wangaratta Art Gallery, VIC

2014-2015: Guest Artist, A Brush with Art Exhibition in Blinman, Flinders Ranges SA.

2014: Highly commended, Milawa Feast of Art Exhibition in Oxley, VIC

2014: Winner of Emerging Artist Award, Trinity College Art Exhibition, in Albury NSW

2014: Winner Oil/Acrylic Acquisitive Award, King Valley Art Show in King Valley, VIC

2014: Winner, David Draper Landscape Awards, Myrtleford Art Prize in Myrtleford, VIC

2013: Highly commended (both paintings entered), Myrtleford Art Prize, in Myrtleford VIC

2012: Highly commended, Milawa Feast of Art Exhibition in Oxley, VIC

2012: Winner, Milawa Feast of Art Exhibition, in Oxley, VIC

RECENT EXHIBITIONS

2019: June 7-June 10: Chiltern Art Prize Exhibition, Chiltern VIC

2019: March 9-March 11: Rutherglen Tastes of Art Prize, Rutherglen, VIC

2019: March 9 – April 22: A Change of Seasons Exhibition, The Milk Factory Gallery, Bowral NSW

2018: Paint Presto Exhibition, Wangaratta VIC

2018: Finalist in Camberwell Art Exhibition, Hawthorn VIC

2018: Solo Exhibition "Sticks & Stones, a translation of a landscape". Wrenwood Gallery, Bungowannah, NSW

2017: King Valley Art Exhibition, Milawa VIC

2017: Finalist in Trinity College Art Show, Thurgoona NSW

2017: Finalist in St Kevin's College Art Show, Toorak VIC

2017: Finalist in Camberwell Art Exhibition, Hawthorn VIC

2017: Finalist in Bayside Art Exhibition, Sandringham VIC

CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY

The Milk Factory Gallery, Bowral, NSW

Arcadia Gallery, Beechworth, VIC

Satch & Co Gallery, Holbrook, NSW

Wrenwood Gallery, Bungowannah, NSW

Yarrawonga Tourism Office

LaLa Art Gallery & Studio, Yarrawonga VIC