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FB: Christine Cafarella-Pearce

Healesville artist Christine Cafarella-Pearce paints with a distinctive technique, pallet, and sense of design. Inspired by The Heidelberg School and the French Impressionists, Christine enjoys artistic challenges and new projects are an integral part of her artistic development. A multi award winning Artist Christine is passionate about supporting her local art community whenever she can. She has been an art mentor at Healesville Primary School and generously supports up and coming artists wherever she can.

Christine studied portraiture and still life under the tuition of Lee Machelak, but found the method allowed little space for creativity and imaginative interpretation of a subject. Today, her works are underpinned by observation and tonal values to give her paintings body and a sense of power. She has found her own way to tell her story in paint. Her portraits go far beyond pure technique and workmanship as she uses her expertise to express her sitter's character with love and positive sensitivity.

Christine is a keen landscape painter, painting in response to seasons, events, and the environment. She involves her viewers by creating emotional connections between themselves and her work, leading them through her story with compositional values, tone, colour, line, and shape.

Christine sometimes expresses her views on social injustices in paint, building her work in such a way that the viewer is encouraged to dwell on the positives in this world whilst inspiring them to love people just as they are. Christine sometimes writes poetry to express her paintings and feelings and sometimes paints to further express her poetry. She would say, "My faith has shown me a different way- to see how often we lack respect, love and caring for people and how we sometimes prefer to consider our own rights above others".

Biography

Christine was born in 1952 to Italian parents and lived in Montrose, Victoria. Married 1972 she and husband Chris became self-employed sharing work responsibilities. This decision allowed them the flexibility they needed to education and care for their four children whilst enabling Christine to pursue her art career. She is thankful that her painting life links seamlessly with home, family, work, and travel. In 2001 Christine moved to Healesville and discovered a new level of contentment painting the diversity of the valley landscapes framed by beautiful blue mountains. Christine supports her church community and is a willing worker and friend of the Healesville Lions Club and the local community.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2020 Healesville 2020 Snapshot
- 2019 Solo Exhibition-Home studio
- 2018 Participant-Community Spirit Exhibition
- 2009-2018 Participant in Open Studios Event in Healesville
- 2015 Warburton Fire Brigade Centennial Exhibition Group
- 2014 World Vision 40-hour Famine Solo Exhibition
- 2013 A Joint Perspective, a trio exhibition
- 2012 Dromana 150 Exhibition
- 2011 Australian Art Excellence Winner and Runner-up Award Exhibition
- 2011 Heart and Soul Exhibition, Heart Gallery
- 2010 Melba's Marvellous Melbourne Group Exhibition
- 2009/14 Yarra Valley Open Studios
- 2009 In the eyes of the Beholder Solo Exhibition
- 2009 A Taste of Italy Joint Exhibition
- 2008 Duo Exhibition at Darren Honey Hall Healesville
- 2006 Through my Eyes Solo Exhibition
- 2005 Yarra Valley and Beyond Solo Exhibition
- 2005 V10 Group Exhibition

Private Collections

- 2003 The Balgownie Collection, Yarra Glen: 24 paintings in permanent exhibition.
- 2003 Mayor of Townsville: permanent display, Townsville sister city in Japan.
- 2009 Ongoing Private Collection: Marysville Victoria

Publications

- 2020 Healesville Snapshot
- 2019 Christine Cafarella-Pearce: Catalogue of paintings
- 2016 CD cover Tay Oskey: Illustrator
- 2014 Yarra Valley Country Life Autumn Edition
- 2013 Australia Artists Magazine: Article/The Heart of Painting
- 2013 The Weird and Wonderful Outback Adventures of Gertrude Glob and BB: Author/Illustrator
- 2011 Australian Artist Magazine: Cover/ Article for Australian Art Excellence Winner
- 2011 An Artist's Journey: Christine Cafarella-Pearce, Biographer Anita Berry
- 2010 Christine Cafarella-Pearce: Catalogue of Paintings
- 2001-2010 Informative Articles in Antiques and Art Magazine
- 2011 Can we go Home Now: Illustrator
- 2009 Black Saturday was my Dad's Birthday: Illustrator
- 2005 CD cover, Beth King and the Hemingway Collective: Illustrator
- 1996-1999 Covers, Real Estate Weekly Victoria

Art Projects, Teaching, Demonstrating and Achievements

- 2018 Art Mentor -Art Alive Community Art Group
- 2016 Art Mentoring Program for elite Art Students, Healesville Primary School
- 2015 Living book Healesville 150th Celebration Event, Healesville Library
- 2014 World Vision 40-hour Famine Event: donation of 15 drawings sold by silent auction, Healesville
- 2000-2016 Christine demonstrator/teacher, supporter of regional arts programs
- 2015 Art Journal Interview with Cora Zon on YV FM
- 2010-2012 Curator and Manager, Heart Gallery, Healesville
- 2011 Judge Portland Rotary Art Show
- 2001-2010 Curator and Manager, The Looking Glass Gallery,
- 2008 Fellow of Australian Guild of Realist Artists
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- 2005 Resident Artist, St Mary's Catholic School, Kilsyth

Awards

- 2018 Best Oil Rotary Club Alexandra
- 2016 Winner Mavis Hill award-Best in Show Sherbrook Art society
- 2016 Runner up AGRA Winter Exhibition
- 2016 Finalist Act Justly Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Religious Art Prize. Chapel St Gallery
- 2013 Winner Best oil, Spring Exhibition, Sherbrooke Art Society
- 2013 Winner, Yarra Glen Art Show,
- 2012 Winner, Marine /seascape, Grand Edrington Art Show
- 2011 Winner, Mavis Hill Best in Show: Sherbrooke Art Society,
- 2011 Best Painting in Show AGRA Autumn Show
- 2010 Finalist Australian Artist Magazine Landscape Challenge
- 2010 Winner Gold Medal, Australian Art Excellence Award: Aust Guild Realist Artists
- 2010 Winner, Best painting in Show, AAEA, Australian Guild of Realist Artists
- 2010 Winner, Best in Show, Yarra Glen Art Show
- 2010 Finalist Australian Art magazine Landscape Challenge
- 2009 Best Oil in Show St Kevin's Art Show
- 2009 Winner, Deans Oil Art Award, Camberwell Rotary Art Show
- 2008 Best painting under \$1000 Knox Art Show
- 2008 Best under \$1000, Bayswater Rotary Art Show,
- 2008 Best in Show, Mont de Lancey Permanent Art Show Collection
- 2007 Artist of the Year, Ringwood Art Society,
- 2007 Best in Show, Ringwood Art society Artist of the Year Show
- 2006 Winner Artist of the Year Ringwood Art Society
- 2006 Best in Show, Yarra Glen Art Show
- 2006 Winner Winter Show, AGRA
- 2006 Winner Summer Show, AGRA

2004 Winner Frederick McCubbin Award, Sherbrooke Art Society
2003 Best in Show, Lilydale Show
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2003 Best in Show, Roberts McCubbin Primary Art Show
2002 Winner Contemporary Art Section, Ringwood Art Society
2002 Best other medium Cobram Art Show
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2000 Winner Best Other Medium, Cobram Rotary Art Show
1998 Best Pastel Bayswater Rotary
1996 Best Drawing, Bayswater Rotary Art Show
1997 Winner, Phillip Barresi Art Award, Ringwood Art Society
1997 Best Pinting under \$500 - any Medium, Bayswater Rotary Art Show
1997 Best Painting under \$600, Yakkerboo Festival Art Show
1997 Winner, Wirreanda Award, Marysville Art Show
1998 Best Pastel Work, Bayswater Rotary Art Show
1996 Distinction Award, Ringwood Arts Society
1996 Best Black and White Bayswater Rotary Art show
1996 Winner Lilydale Show