

ARTIST BIO

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Ten years ago I took a studio. Before that I painted where I could and I firmly believe that for me the defined space frames not only the practice and discipline but enables process. The small routines that are put in place on entering the studio, coffee, music, reviewing work in progress not only serve as a bridge between what is happening in an outside world but often tempers the space for what is to come. A communal space like Lennox Street studios with artists working together forges a collective engagement.

My work is influenced by observations and experiences but it is the act of applying paint itself that evolves the image. I'll often work for a period with a particular colour palette and that drives a kind of narrative in a series of works. For a time the linen support in front of me is a piece of space, and I explore its dimensions. Training in traditional oil painting technique and a deep love for art history provides a sense of continuum in the participation of an enduring practice of marking surface with oil and pigment. It creates remedial pathways and integrates a connection between my abstractions and old master methods.

Education and Training

1979	BA Com/Psych, UTS Sydney, Aust.
1989	MA MassCom (I), Macquarie University, Sydney.
1980-2000	Mgt positions in UK, Australasia and Europe.
2000-2005	Sturt Summer Schools (Andrew Antonio, David Fairbairn, Andrew Totman), National Art School Summer and Winter Schools (David Fairbairn, Kim Spooner) Julian Ashton Summer School, NSW University Anatomy School, In Leonardo's Shoes (Susan Dorothea White).
2003-2005	Masters Art Psychotherapy, UWS Sydney. Postgrad. Dip Expressive Therapies, UWS Sydney.
2005-Current	Post Grad Clinical Research Art/ Psychosis NSW Dept Health.
2006 -2008	Charlie Sheard Studio School (Traditional Oil Painting Techniques)

➤ **Exhibitions**

2002, 2003, 2004 Sturt Art School, Group Exhibition
2002 Artshow, UWS
2003 National Art School, Group Exhibition
2007 Mary Place Gallery, Paddington Sydney
2007, 2008 Lennox St Studios Newtown, Annual Exhibition
2007, 2008 Balmain Art Show
2008 (Dec) Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney