



RICK MATEAR

Still Life

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Exhibition Dates: 31 October - 19 November 2017
35 Derby Street Collingwood VIC 3066
Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

'Continuing on from an exhibition of autumn still lifes exhibited in 2015, my recent paintings are of spring and summer still lifes of 2016/17. Often inspired by my partner Nina's arrangements around our home, depicting different seasons, vases of freshly cut flowers, branches of leaves from our garden, along with found objects from our travels. Like the love of gardening this has been a strong collaboration between Nina and myself. The still lifes are reflective; sensitive to light, colour and the beauty of what's around us each day'. Rick Matear, 2017

Rick Matear is best known for his masterful and sensitive interpretations of the seaside and his unique ability to capture the feeling of water, sand and skies through various moods, reflections and changing light. Matear's current exhibition sees him extend his oeuvre into a magnificent series of luscious still lifes. After painting monotone backgrounds for six months, Matear began experimenting with the complementary colours of the Fauves. The resulting imagery is visually rich, beautifully observed and highly evocative. The artist's physical and emotional relationship to the objects and scenarios he paints and the collaborative process enjoyed by he and partner Nina are tangible in these poetic, engaging and highly expressive works.

Rick Matear has been painting and exhibiting consistently throughout Australia and in London for more than 35 years. He has completed residencies in Turtle Island, Venice, Grimaud and Antibes and is currently exhibiting throughout Europe; in London, Zurich and the South of France. *Still Life* showcases Matear's small studies in acrylic and oil on paper as well as large scale oils on linen.

This exhibition is current until 19 November 2017.

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