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BOB MARCHANT

Living the Dream

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Exhibition Dates:
15 May - 3 June 2018

15 Royston Street
Paddington NSW 2021
Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

Australian Galleries is pleased to present *Living the Dream*, a celebratory exhibition of both the life and career of prominent Australian artist, Bob Marchant. Coinciding with his 80th birthday, *Living the Dream* features a new series of work produced over the last five years, as well as rare paintings from earlier periods in his practice.

Throughout Marchant's life, his work has been heavily influenced by his surrounding environment. From the experiences during his formative years in country Victoria, to his current studio in Bundeena in the Royal National Park, Marchant's work depicts the people, the communities and the natural world around him. Rich with images and scenes of Australian life, his observationalist style paintings are a narration of experiences and memories. While the nature of the work is often referred to as naïve, Marchant paints with intricacy and intention.

In his latest body of work, the local flora and fauna continues to be a source of inspiration, as does his wife and life muse, Inger. This can be seen in figurative works such as *A walk on the wild side*, which draws upon the role of fantasy and is saturated with colour and lush foliage.

Bursting with life, there is an undeniable sense of heart and sentiment within Marchant's paintings, as his characters and themes are depicted with delight and humour. Dedicated and passionate, Marchant has produced an extensive oeuvre for his forty years as a full-time artist. He passionately states that '*life is short... art is long*' and that he will continue to paint for the next decade before hanging up his brushes.

Living the Dream, is current until 3 June 2018.

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