



ANDREA J. SMITH

Still Life Paintings

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

Andrea J. Smith is highly regarded for her poetic still life compositions, masterfully rendered in oil paint. Her captivating works are testament to the impressive technical skills she has refined for more than thirty years, as well as her unique ability to find visual inspiration among her everyday surroundings. Smith's characteristic vignettes of fruits, vegetables and objects from her home and kitchen immediately engage through exquisite colour harmonies and intriguing relationships between shape, form and texture. Smith's keen awareness of the inherent beauty in familiar objects elevates our own perception, as she deftly reveals the splendour of an enamel cup, glass bottle, a pair of yellow tomatoes.

Still Life Paintings showcases an extensive body of work produced by the artist over the last two decades in New York, Melbourne and Rome. This comprehensive exhibition comprises somewhat formal compositions such as *Grey pumpkin* and *Ladle with lemons* as well as more intimate explorations of a solitary subject; *Single beet* and *Quince*. The artist's love of cooking, travelling, of exploring and observing infuse her work with a distinctive atmosphere, and bring both a personal and contemporary relevance to this classical painting genre.

Andrea J. Smith graduated from The University of Melbourne and studied at The Florence Academy of Art, where she later taught drawing. She then taught at the New York Academy of Art, and has founded two art schools; The Harlem Studio of Art in New York (2003) and Atelier Canova in Rome (2008). Smith has exhibited in London, Germany, Italy, Los Angeles, San Francisco and is represented in the United States by Forum Gallery. Her work has been shown in Australia at the Salon Des Refuses in Sydney and the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra.

Still Life Paintings is current until 18 November 2018

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