EASEY STREET ARTIST STUDIOS

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JOHN BYRNE
PAMELA CHAN
ANNE GALBRAITH
CLAUDIA HULL
NICOLAI MALACARI
MICHAEL PEARCE
VIDA RYAN
LESLEY WALSH
BERYL WHITE

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ECLECTIC ST.

Constant strive
Drawing closer
Grow and reach
A life emerging is no Easey
Street

Chasing dreams

Meraki mantras

Eclectic passions

A richly diverse talent on

Easey Street

Constant change
Transformation, Promise
Cultivating Contemporary
It's all emerging on Easey
Street

The eclectic mix of talented art professionals currently working out of Easey Street Artist Studios, highlights the richly diverse nature of artistic practice, NOW.

ECCLECTIC ST. is a visual culmination of the exciting new art coming out of Easey Street. Taking form as a contemporary salon, this exhibition showcases the richly diverse works of nine 'Easey' artists in a visual celebration of art's innate subjectivity - weaving an eclectic journey of self discovery, nostalgia and experience.

Over the last eighteen years, Easey Street Artist Studio's have undergone varying stages of transformation. The longstanding warehouse the studios reside in, has evolved

from a small space perfect for the keen amateur artist - into a budding contemporary arts hub thriving in the heart of Melbourne's visual arts precinct - Collingwood.

This evolution together with Easey Street's enduring professionalism, and community mindedness, has been catalystic for its new-found status as one of Melbourne's leading visual arts studios.

Director of the studios, Lesley Walsh is ensuring the progress continues at Easey Street - upping the game this year by introducing professional opportunities for the artists at Easey Street to exhibit their work. Walsh is introducing a new professional development program that will encourage

collaborative relationships between Easey Artists and local emerging curators.

ECCLECTIC ST. signifies the inception of this new professional outlet for Easey Street Artist Studios, and stands as a testament to Walsh's constant commitment to contemporary art practice and supporting emerging artists.

This exhibition weaves an intricate and revealing web of passion, growth and experimentation - a collective embodiement of the constant strive of the artist emerging and the interdisciplinary nature of art practice today.

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John Byrne

Pamela Chan

My work is concerned with definitions of masculinity and portraiture - though I don't consider these works classic portraits. Of particular interest to me (as a figurative painter) is the artist's current relationship with photography which, in recent times has come to prominence given the rise of the medium in this era of digital imaging.

I share a studio with two other RMIT Uni alumni with a background in Gold & Silversmithing.
The studio has provided me the freedom to continue experimenting.
The support from my studio buddies has led to new work being developed in porcelain.

Anne Galbraith

Claudia Hull

Anne lives for painting! Easey Street Artist Studios has seen her grow and perfect her art. Anne gets great enjoyment from the camaraderie at the studios Her works show a distinctive dialogue with nature and the environment: and her ability to develop her themes

Contribution by Lesley Walsh

I acquired the studio in my last year as a Visual Art student I felt I needed a space where I could work on my art in my own time - away from a college and home environments (especially when preparing for an exhibition). Being at the Easey St. has given me a creative space and enabled me to engage and work with other artists

Nicolai Malacari

Michael Pearce

"I or you pocketless of a dime may purchase the pick of the earth"

Walt Whitman

Steve (the first landlord) built a smooth wall for me to do my drawings. Since then, I have had three exhibitions of different series' of drawings, and am currently working on the new, 'unfolding 'series.

I have also created stage designs by models for The Australian Ballet - the production department loved visiting the studio.

My dog Miki assists.

Vida Ryan

Lesley Walsh

I joined the studio so I could have a space to paint large paintings for an exhibition in NY for 2016. Through my time here I have meet some amazing people - friends who help and inspire each other. I have found it to be a wonderful place to work. Many a time during the process of painting, I have asked my colleagues for advice - their perspectives are always been helpful and appreciated.

I came to Easey St. to explore my craft in ceramics. Since being there, I have been encouraged to undertake my Honours and Masters programs. Over my time at Easey St. I have grown and developed my art by incorporating different mediums into my clay work.

I enjoy the community at Easey St - it's a place where friendships have formed and the ever present discussions on art and advice are freely given.

Beryl White

Easey St. Studios are my space away from the hustle and bustle of everyday demands; a space and time to think. reflect and engage with my art work. Spending time in the studio renews my creative energy and in sharing the space with other artists - I enjoy being part of a larger arts community.

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List of Works

John Byrne,

- Untitled I, 2016
 Watercolour & Acrylic on Paper
 48X48cm
- 2. Untitled II, 2016
 Watercolour & Acrylic on Paper
 48X48cm
- 3. Untitled III, 2016
 Watercolour & Acrylic on Paper
 48X48cm

Pamela Chan

4. Figorama, 2016
Porcelain
Dimensions variable

Anne Galbraith

5. Water Mark 1 and Water Mark 2, 2015

Watercolour, graphite on paper 390 x 560cm

6. Shadow, 2014 Watercolour on paper 1682 x 594cm

Claudia Hull

- 7. High County Sentinel, 2011 Oil on canvas 64 x 152cm
- 8. Morning Mist, 2016 Oil on canvas 76 x 50cm
- 9. Somewhere Out There, 2015 Mono-print, mixed media 32 x 42cm

Nicolai Malcari

10. A Postcard, 2016
Oil, spray paint on canvas
50X40cm

Michael Pearce

- 11. Unfolding Series (1), 2016 Pastel on Velin Arches 300gsm paper 120X40cm
- Unfolding Series (2), 2016
 Pastel on Velin Arches
 300gsm paper
 120X50cm
- 13. Unfolding Series (3), 2016 Pastel on Velin Arches 300gsm paper 120X52cm

Vida Ryan

- 14. Resilience, 2016 Acrylic on canvas 178 x 121cm
- 15. Joy in the garden, 2016 Acrylic on canvas 153 x 110cm

Lesley Walsh

18. Transforming Culture and Nature, 2016
Books, slip, salt
Dimensions variable

Beryl White

- 19. The Blue Door, 2015 Oil on canvas 70 x 95cm
- 20. Incoming Storm, 2015 Oil on canvas 100 x 100cm

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