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STEVE JANNAR – ARTIST

Steve Jannar is a Sydney-based artist. He is essentially a figurative painter and his earlier period was very much influenced by the Heidelberg School of Australian Impressionists. Being an architect had contributed to the fact that many of his earlier works included the built environment in the Australian vernacular. In recent years, he has returned to painting in acrylic paint rather than oil, is painting on a larger scale and freeing up his style - resulting in more dramatic works with greater impact.

He has exhibited in and around Sydney for many years and is also represented in overseas collections. He had his first solo exhibition ('Sydney or the Bush' – oil paintings of Sydney, NSW & Northern Victoria) at the Balmain 'Watch House' in February 2004.

Most of his paintings in recent years have been 'waterscapes' - finding the element of water to be a visual magnet that most people are drawn to as a preferred object of view. Even as a 'given' view it can change its look quite radically in an instant depending on the circumstance of light (reflection, shadow & translucency) and its changing form, this dynamic being the cause of much of its beauty & appeal. Having 'water' as a common theme in his paintings makes Sydney a wonderful base from which to work; especially Sydney Harbour, the Hawkesbury & Nepean Rivers, Port Hacking and the Royal National Park.

Recent milestones include winning 1st prize in the 'Landscape' painting section of the Sydney Royal Arts Show (Easter Show) 2007, a contemporary work on a classic Bentley car for a Jane McGrath Charity Auction in 2008 and a finalist in both the Mosman & Paddington Art Prizes, 2011.

He is currently working on his next solo exhibition which focuses on Wattamolla (Beach) and the nearby areas of the Royal National Park (south of Sydney); and is also organising an exhibition based on Rookwood (historic cemetery) in Sydney with some local artists.

He is a member of Mosman & Bankstown Art Societies and has been involved with instructional talks in & around Sydney.

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