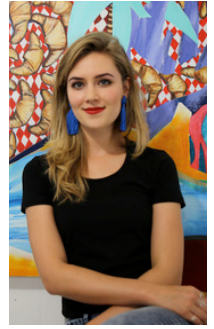


RACHAEL DEWHIRST



ARTIST STATEMENT:

In her painterly response to the subjects and narratives of her work, Rachael Dewhirst's paintings touch upon both formal aspects of painting and the immediate experience of the world around her. Dewhirst works in a range of media, applying paint in impasto and translucent washes. Just as the application of paint to the canvas demonstrates a joy and pleasure in the act of painting, the subjects of Dewhirst's work are equally characterized by their optimism. Dewhirst completed BFA Honours in Fine Arts in 2013 at the University of Canterbury, and has work in the collections of the James Wallace Trust and University of Canterbury.

Born in Auckland, New Zealand (1991)

SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY:

'Take Me Back' Chambers241 Christchurch, 21st June- 9th July 2016

'Bon Voyage' designed permanent mural (longest mural in New Zealand) commissioned by PlaceMakers Riccarton and produced by SCAPE Public Art. April 2016

'Bon appétit', Bowen Galleries Wellington, 1-21st February 2016

'Valetta Series', Bowen Galleries Wellington, 16th June- 5th July 2014

'Standing Back', new works, Rachael Dewhirst and Simon Ogden at Bath Street Gallery Parnell Auckland, 6th May - 31st May 2014

Part of summer group show at Bath Street Gallery, 12th Feb- 2nd March 2013

Part of group showing in Hazeldean at Murray & Co Christchurch - until March 2013.

Part of group show at Chambers241 Gallery Christchurch, 21st January 2013

Resene Art in the streets Scape Christchurch mural in Cashel Street 'Kaleidoscopic Nights' 2012

AWARDS AND GRANTS:

2014

Royal Academy of Arts London- shortlisted for an interview

Recipient of Ethel Susan Jones Travel Scholarship- completed a short course at Central Saint Martins London

2013

Recipient of the Harry van der Lecq Scholarship for Painting

College of Arts Honours Scholarship

Recipient of a Bickerton-Widdowson Trust Memorial Scholarship

2012

Seager Prize in Fine Arts

Awarded Scholarship as one of Canterbury University's twenty art scholars,

recipient of a Bickerton-Widdowson Trust Memorial Scholarship.

Select Award Winner: University of Canterbury Art Acquisition

2011

Awarded a Bickerton-Widdowson Trust Memorial Scholarship

Zonta Youth Art Awards 3rd place

COLLECTIONS

James Wallace Trust Collection

University of Canterbury Collection