

YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

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BEC JUNIPER

CELEBRATED WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ARTIST BEC JUNIPER EXPLORES THE EARTH, THE MOVEMENT, PATTERNS AND TEXTURES OF FLOOD, THE GEOLOGY OF REEF AND ROCK, THE DROUGHT THE WIND AND THE EROSION. THE POWERFUL NATURE OF AUSTRALIA, THIS CONSTANTLY MOVING LIVING EARTH AND OUR RELATIONSHIP AS PEOPLE LIVING IN IT IS INCORPORATED IN HER AERIAL LANDSCAPES. BEC JUNIPER MIMICS THE LANDSCAPE IN HER PAINTINGS BY USING RAW MATERIALS SUCH AS FINE MINERAL PIGMENTS, OXIDES AND LOCALLY SOURCED RESIN CONNECTING HER WORK TO MOTHER NATURE.

BEC JUNIPER HAS BEEN A PRACTICING ARTIST FOR AROUND 30 YEARS, SHE IS A HIGHLY REGARDED WEST AUSTRALIAN ARTIST WITH NUMEROUS SCULPTURE AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN COMMISSIONS TO HER NAME. HER WORK IS REPRESENTED IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ART COLLECTIONS WORLDWIDE.

SINCE 2004 SHE HAS HELD OVER 20 SOLO EXHIBITIONS NATIONALLY. IN 2018 BEC WON THE PRESTIGIOUS KINGS SCHOOL ART PRIZE NSW. IN 2022 BEC IS LISTED AS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S TOP 100 ARTISTS.

NEIL ELLIOTT

NEIL ELLIOTT IS A MULTI-AWARD-WINNING PERTH HILLS-BASED PAINTER AND SCULPTOR. ORIGINALLY FROM ADELAIDE, NEIL MOVED TO PERTH WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1978, AT THE AGE 14. AFTER LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL IN 1980 HE STUDIED GRAPHIC DESIGN AT PERTH TECHNICAL COLLEGE WHERE HE DEVELOPED HIS DRAWING AND PAINTING SKILLS. WITH HIS ABILITY TO MERGE THE TECHNICAL WORLD OF DESIGN WITH THE EMOTIVE AND OFTEN SENSITIVE WORLD OF VISUAL ART, THEN MIX IN HIS PRIME OBJECTIVE TO EXPLORE AND HAVE FUN, NEIL HAS CREATED A DISTINCTIVE AND QUIRKY, THOUGHT-PROVOKING STYLE. "BY CONSTANTLY EXPERIMENTING AND INTRODUCING NEW MEDIUMS, I AM ABLE TO MAINTAIN PASSION AND EXCITEMENT TOWARDS MY WORK."

IN 2010 NEIL STARTED TO EXPLORE THE WORLD OF SCULPTURE AS IT SEEMED TO BE A NATURAL PROGRESSION FROM HIS HIGHLY TEXTURED PAINTINGS. HE HAS ENJOYED SUCCESS IN THIS FIELD AND CONTINUES TO ADOPT NEW MEDIUMS AS BOTH A PAINTER AND SCULPTOR.

IN 2016 NEIL WON THE PACKERS' PRIZE FOR HIS PAINTING 'BATHROOM INTRUDERS' AT THE PERTH ROYAL SHOW. IN 2017 HE WAS AWARDED A STATE-WIDE TOURING EXHIBITION OF HIS SCULPTURES WITH ART ON THE MOVE. IN 2018 NEIL WON BEST IN SHOW AT THE HALE ART AWARDS.

NEIL RUNS SCULPTURE WORKSHOPS FOR BEGINNERS AND PRACTISING ARTISTS THROUGHOUT WESTERN AUSTRALIA.