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Australian Watercolour Institute 87th Annual Exhibition

Mosman Art Gallery
11 December 2010 – 23 January 2011



David van Nunen, *Fallen Pine Lushan*

The Mosman Art Gallery is pleased to welcome the return of members of The Australian Watercolour Institute for their 87th Annual Exhibition from 11 December to 23 January, 2011 when over 100 watercolours will be showcased over both levels of the Gallery.

The Australian Watercolour Institute enjoys a distinguished and celebrated membership of selected artists who are drawn together from a diverse range of backgrounds including commerce and education. The general public will be familiar with many artworks created by AWI members which are in the public domain, including portraits on banknotes, stamps, television advertising, the creation of the original 'Chesty Bond' and even the design of the Sydney Opera House Curtains.

The Institute was founded in 1923 by six established artists, B. E. Minns, A. J. Daplyn, C. E. S. Tindall, Martin Stainforth, J.H. Bennett, and the sixty-year-old redoubtable battler A. H. Fullwood. Foundation President was B E Minns. Their aim was to foster the practice of watercolour painting and raise its status among the art community at large. Hans Heysen, Blamire Young, Arthur Streeton, John D. Moore, Norman Lindsay, John Eldershaw, Albert Collins and Sydney Long were invited to become foundation members.

Members are represented in the Australian National Gallery Collection, State and Regional Galleries, the Australian War Memorial, Art Bank and Corporate Collections.

The artists Guy Troughton, Brian Stratton OAM, Dr Guy Warren OAM, Josefia Lemon and David van Nunen are just a few of the distinguished artists in the current 87th annual exhibition.

The exhibition will be opened on Friday 10th December at 6.30pm by **Mark Tedeschi, QC** the renowned Queens Council and artist.

As part of the exhibition, Institute members will offer a series of Demonstrations/ Talks and Master Classes that focus on watercolour.

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Exhibition Public Programs

Saturday 11 December, 2.00 pm

Exhibition Floortalk and Demonstration

Join AWI President David van Nunen and artist Neil Taylor for an exhibition floor talk and overview of the history of this remarkable group of watercolour artists. The talk will be followed with a watercolour demonstration by artist Jocelyn Maughan. Free admission. Afternoon tea included.

Sunday 12 December, 2.30 pm

Meet the Artist: Guy Troughton 'The art of watercolour' Demonstration

Join artist Guy Troughton in a unique opportunity to experience watercolour in action. Guy will explain various watercolour techniques and demonstrate the skill behind this very challenging medium. Free admission. Afternoon tea included.

Saturday 22 January

10.00am – 4.00pm

In the studio: landscape painting workshop with Josefia Lemon

This workshop with experienced landscape watercolour artist and teacher Josefia Lemon aims to simplify some of the fundamental techniques of painting with watercolours to improve your painting skills. Individual guidance and demonstration will be given at the beginning of each painting. Students will aim to do at least 5 paintings. Beginners welcome. All materials to be provided by participants. Cost: \$75.00 per participant. Bookings (02) 9978 4178.

Sunday 23 January, 10.30am

Meet the Artist: Christine Porter 'Painting Dust'

Christine Porter has specialized in recording images of Australia's rural heritage throughout her career as a professional painter and printmaker since 1990. She is inspired by the unique light of western Queensland and north western NSW; her subjects are drawn from many cattle and sheep stations from this part of Australia. Her artworks examine issues relating to the impact and changing nature of Australia's rural industries and describe a way of life at the fringes of urban memory and identity. Free admission. Morning tea included.

Bookings are essential for all Mosman Art Gallery events online: www.mosmanartgallery.org.au

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