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J Valenzuela Didi

J Valenzuela Didi (pronounced “dee-dee”) is an award-winning Brisbane artist, specialising in contemporary paintings. The artworks of JV Didi depict a solitary universe where signposts of civilization are confronted by the intangibility of time. He draws inspiration for his landscape and figurative works from familiar urban scenes. These backdrops are manipulated and reworked in his paintings, allowing drips of paint, marks on the canvas and superimposed design elements to inform the work as much as the original reference.

Through this methodology, JV draws on the emergence of patterns and geometric shapes. As an artist he endeavours to reduce his work to these base elements.

His method of deconstructing and rebuilding an image creates works that reveal the beautiful and abstract characteristics of commonplace objects. The artworks pivot on mathematical relationships, cinematic structuring and spatial sensibility to form intentionally ambiguous, thought-provoking narratives.

At its core, the artworks are sublime, sombre examinations of the everyday – conversation pieces that both echo and question our modern reality.

Resume

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2019 – A Symphony on Mars, Traffic Jam Galleries, Sydney (Solo Exhibition).

2019 – Echoes of a Still Life, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane (Solo Exhibition).

2019 – Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney.

2019 – Hornsby Art Prize, Hornsby Town Centre, Hornsby.

2019 – Kennedy Art Prize, State Library Building, Adelaide.

2019 – Clayton Utz Art Award, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane.

2019 – Lethbridge 10000, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.

2019 – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular, Waterfront Place, Brisbane.

2019 – Moreton Bay Art Award, Strathpine Community Centre, Moreton Bay.

2019 – Queensland Regional Art Awards touring exhibition, various locations.

2018 – Feeling Gravity's Pull, Traffic Jam Galleries, Sydney (Solo Exhibition).

2018 – Shrine of the lost suburban, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane (Solo Exhibition).

2018 – Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney.

2018 – KAAF Art Prize, Korean Cultural Centre, Sydney.

2018 – Stanthorpe Art Award, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, Stanthorpe.

2018 – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular, Waterfront Place, Brisbane.

2018 – The Fragrant Garden, Traffic Jam Galleries, Sydney.

2018 – Morris Art Prize, Carrara Markets, Gold Coast.

2018 – Moreton Bay Art Award, Strathpine Community Centre, Moreton Bay.

2017 – Life Below the 27th Parallel, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane (Solo Exhibition).

2017 – Paddington Art Prize, Woollahra, New South Wales.

2017 – Clayton Utz Art Award, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane.

2017 – Brisbane Art Prize, Judith Wright Centre, Brisbane.

2017 – Brisbane Places and Faces Exhibition, Tattersalls Club & Riverside Centre, Brisbane.

2017 – Lethbridge 10000, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.

2017 – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular, Waterfront Place, Brisbane.

2017 – Moreton Bay Art Award, Strathpine Community Centre, Moreton Bay.

2016 – Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Gallery of Western Australia.

2016/2017 – Clayton Utz Art Award, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane.

2016 – Redland Art Award, Redland Art Gallery, Redland City.

2016 – Unfinished Pilgrimage, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane (Solo Exhibition).

2016 – Brisbane Art Prize, Judith Wright Centre, Brisbane.

2016 – Lethbridge Art Auction, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.

2016 – Lethbridge 10000, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.

2016 – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular, Waterfront Place, Brisbane.

2016 – Stillness in Transit, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane (Solo Exhibition).

2016 – Moreton Bay Art Award, Strathpine Community Centre, Moreton Bay.

2015/2016 – Gold Coast Art Prize, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Gold Coast.

2015/2016 – Clayton Utz Art Award, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane.

2015 – Manning Art Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree.

2015 – Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra.

2015 – ‘City Views’ Exhibition, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.

2015 – Border Art Prize, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Gold Coast.

2015 – Lethbridge 10000, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.

2015 – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular, Waterfront Place, Brisbane.

2015 – Moreton Bay Art Award, Strathpine Community Centre, Moreton Bay.

2014/2015 – Clayton UTZ Art Award, Riparian Plaza, Brisbane.

2014 – Redland Art Award, Redland Art Gallery, Redland City.

2014 – Lethbridge 10000, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.

2014 – Moreton Bay Art Award, Strathpine Community Centre, Moreton Bay.

2014 – QT Ipswich Art Award, Ipswich.

2013 – Border Art Prize, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Gold Coast.

2012 – Gold Coast Show, Gold Coast Parklands, Gold Coast.

2012 – YHES House Art Exhibition, YHES House, Southport.

2012 – Papergirl Exhibition, White Canvas Gallery, Brisbane.

2011/2012 – Publishers Cup 2011 touring exhibition, various locations.

2010/2011 – Publishers Cup 2010 touring exhibition, various locations.

2011 – Movement Principle Space, Milton (Solo Exhibition).

2010 – BARI Festival 2010, The Tidy Gallery, Brisbane.

2009 – Border Art Prize, Gold Coast Art Gallery, Gold Coast.

PRIZES AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Winner, best of show – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular 2015

Winner, best acrylic – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular 2018

Second place prize – Border Art Prize 2015

Highly Commended Award – 2011 Publishers Cup Art Prize

Featured Emerging Artist – 2012 Gold Coast Show

Selected Finalist – Hornsby Art Prize 2019

Selected Finalist – Clayton Utz Art Award 2019

Selected Finalist – Mosman Art Prize 2019

Selected Finalist – Kennedy Art Prize 2019

Selected Gallery Finalist – 2019 Lethbridge 20000

Selected Gallery Finalist – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular 2019

Selected Finalist – Moreton Bay Region Art Awards 2019

Selected Finalist – KAAF Art Prize 2018

Selected Finalist – Mosman Art Prize 2018

Selected Finalist – Queensland Regional Art Awards 2018

Selected Finalist – Stanthorpe Art Awards 2018

Selected Gallery Finalist – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular 2018

Selected Finalist – Moreton Bay Region Art Awards 2018

Selected Finalist – Morris Art Prize 2018

Selected Finalist – KAAF Art Prize 2017

Selected Finalist – Paddington Art Prize 2017

Selected Finalist – Brisbane Art Prize 2017

Selected Finalist – Clayton Utz Art Award 2017

Selected Gallery Finalist – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular 2017

Selected Finalist – Moreton Bay Region Art Awards 2017

Selected Finalist – Redland Art Awards 2016

Selected Finalist – Black Swan Prize for Portraiture 2016

Selected Finalist – Brisbane Art Prize 2016

Selected Finalist – Clayton Utz Art Award 2016

Selected Gallery Finalist – 2016 Lethbridge 10000

Selected Gallery Finalist – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular 2016

Selected Finalist – Moreton Bay Region Art Awards 2016

Selected Finalist – Gold Coast Art Prize 2015

Selected Finalist – Clayton Utz Art Award 2015

Selected Finalist – Manning Art Prize 2015

Selected Finalist – Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2015

Selected Gallery Finalist – 2015 Lethbridge 10000

Selected Gallery Finalist – Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular 2015

Selected Finalist – Moreton Bay Region Art Awards 2015

Selected Finalist – 2014 Clayton UTZ Art Award

Selected Finalist – Redland Art Awards 2014

Selected Gallery Finalist – 2014 Lethbridge 10000

Selected Finalist – Moreton Bay Region Art Awards 2014

Selected Finalist – Cambridge Studio Portrait Award 2014

Selected Finalist – 2011 Publishers Cup Art Prize

Selected Finalist – 2010 Publishers Cup Art Prize

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