

Manyung Gallery Group

• Malvern • Mt Eliza • Sorrento • Mobile

Craig Penny

Craig studied art at the Ballarat College of Advanced Education, now Ballarat University, where painting and graphic design attracted most of his attention. Craig pursued a successful career as an illustrator in the advertising industry and became a member of the Illustrators Association of Australia.

Craig's career has progressed into a range of mediums including skills in computer graphics. As a result Craig has also undertaken a successful career in teaching both traditional drawing and illustration and digital drawing and illustration at both Victoria University and Swinburne University. Throughout this time, he never lost his love of using traditional methods and subsequently specialized in watercolour and acrylic painting and illustrations. This has lead to an extremely successful solo career. In 2001, Craig had his first major solo exhibition at Manyung Gallery in Mt Eliza, Victoria. In 2007, his work was accepted by Gallery Diamante in Carmel California.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I like to think that to paint a successful painting is not so much to have tamed the beast, rather to have been taken along for the ride and still be there at the end of the experience. For me painting is like life ... giving yourself enough skill, knowledge and integrity and then letting yourself free to take what is thrown your way. You don't need to tame and control it for magic to happen... you just need to be there at the end.

EXPERIENCE

1985 To date: Freelance Illustrator and Artist.

Clients:

- Clemenger Harvie
- DDB Needham Melbourne
- Melbourne Marketing Solutions
- RGS Communications
- Aristocrat Technologies
- Collier & Associates
- AV Jennings

- Delfin Property Group limited
- Handi Home supplies
- Wam Advertising
- Tasman Chemicals

1996 to date: Sessional Teacher of Illustration and Drawing Victoria University of Technology and Swinburne University of Technology

1982 – 1985

Studio Artist/Design & Finished Artist

- Robinson and Co. Advertising
- Acme Art Studio

EDUCATION

2002: Studies in Context and Culture (Victoria University)
 1993-95: Studies in Computer Graphics
 1980-81: Received Martha Pinkerton Scholarship for Academic Achievement
 1979-81: Ballarat University (Ballarat Colledge of Advanced Education) Diploma of Art
 1978: Hamilton Technical School

AWARDS

Best Water Colour – Rotary Club of Hamilton 1999 (Buvelot Award)
 Best Water Colour – Rotary of Altona 1999
 Highly Commended – Mt Waverly Art Show 2000
 Highly Commended – Rotary Club of Leongatha 2000
 Rotary Club of Altona – The Qenos Selection 2000
 Highly Commended Rotary Club of Warragul 2000
 Best Painting – Rotary Club of Portland 2002
 Best Water Colour - Rotary Club of Dromana 2002
 Best Water Colour – Mount View Art Show 2003
 Best Water Colour – Rotary Club of Portland 2003
 Best Water Colour – Wimmera Art Show 2004
 Best Street Scene – Brighton Art Show 2005
 Best Street Scene – Bayside Art Show 2006

Best Oil – Chelsea Art Show 2008
Best Painting – Bayside Art Show 2008
Best Painting all Mediums – Mt Waverly Art Show 2009
Best Oil – Rotary club of Hamilton Nth 2009
Best Oil/Acrylic – Chelsea Art Show 2010
Best Acrylic Painting – Bayside Art Show 2011

EXHIBITIONS

The Mill Gallery, Malmsbury – Joint Exhibition 1999
Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza – Joint Exhibition 2000
Manyung Gallery, Solo Exhibition 2001
Gallery Ranfurly, Korowa Anglican Girls School – Solo Exhibition 2001
Brighton Horizon Art Gallery, Brighton – Joint Exhibition 2001
Potoroo Gallery, South Bank – Solo Exhibition 2001
Chardonnay Lodge, Coonawarra – Solo Exhibition 2002
Potoroo Gallery South Bank – Solo Exhibition 2002
Cape Nelson Lightstation, Portland - Solo Exhibition 2002
Manyung Gallery, Mt Eliza – Joint Exhibition 2003
The Loft- Art Space at Rochfords Eyton – Solo Exhibition 2003
Mildura Regional Art Gallery – Solo Exhibition 2003
Chardonnay Lodge, Coonawarra – Solo Exhibition 2004
Mildura Regional Art Gallery – Joint Exhibition 2004
Manyung Gallery – Joint Exhibition 2004
Gallery Ranfurly, Korowa Anglican girls school – Solo Exhibition 2004
Potoroo Gallery South Bank – Solo Exhibition 2005
Manyung Gallery – Joint Exhibition 2005
Without Pier Gallery – Solo Exhibition 2006
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Art Images Gallery Adelaide - 2008

Without Pier Gallery – Solo Exhibition 2008

Manyung Gallery – Joint Exhibition 2008

Without Pier Gallery – Solo Exhibition 2009

Manyung Gallery - Joint Exhibition 2009

Art Images Gallery Adelaide – 2010

Manyung Gallery – Feature Artist 2010

Red Sea Gallery, Brisbane – Joint Exhibition 2011

Red Sea Gallery, Singapore – Joint exhibition at the American Club

COLLECTIONS

Brighton Grammar School

AFL Travel

Australian Private Capital

Melbourne & Olympic Parks

David Bryant and Associates

Korowa Anglican Girls School

Delfin Property Group

The River Garden, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Private Collections throughout Australia, the UK, USA and Singapore.