



Don Milner

Born in Queensland, Australia in 1956, I have had a deep passion for this wonderful country of mine and from a very early age, have expressed this passion through drawing and painting. My formal art education commenced in 1976 when I attended the Queensland College of Art and graduated in 1979 with a '**Diploma of Arts**' (Visual Communications). I then began a commercial art career in Graphic Design and Illustration which spanned some 28 years.

Since 2002 I have enjoyed my new role as fine artist and painter and am passionate about my new vocation. Although I am still primarily a Visual Communicator, I celebrate my new found 'Freedom of Expression' through mediums such as Acrylic, Oils, Pastel and Charcoal. Inspired by my environment, which manifests and reflects in my painting subjects of many genres and subjects, however seascapes, landscapes, and portraiture predominate.

I am intoxicated by and inspired to create images using Australian themes, our unique, larger than life Australian characters, the scenery, seascapes, the vast emptiness of the outback, parched and forboding landscapes, all of which provide endless opportunities and empowers my creative spirit to express "*That Special Something*" ..the true and unique essence of my subjects is revealed.

I also enjoy and celebrate my art through a personal commitment of sharing my knowledge, experience and skills with others through regular themed painting workshops.

Education:

1976 - 1979 Diploma of Arts - "Visual Communications" Queensland College of Art.

Exhibitions:

- 2007 "Totally Nude" - *Cooroy Butter Factory Gallery _ Cooroy, Queensland.*
- 2007 "Drawn Together" - *Circle Gallery _ West End, Queensland.*
- 2007 "20 Selected Queensland Artists of the 2007 Archibald Portrait Competition" _ *Sheridan, Noosa Heads, Queensland.*
- 2006 "Two Visions" - *Novotel - Twin Waters Resort _ Sunshine Coast, Queensland*
- 2006 "Celebration - The Painting" - *Eumundi Artists _ Eumundi, Queensland*
- 2000-2005 "Various Group Exhibitions" _ *Sunshine Coast, Queensland*
- 1998 "Solo Exhibition" _ *Caboolture, Queensland*
- 1995 "Solo Exhibition" _ *The Lakes _Caboolture, Queensland*
- 1987 "Solo Exhibition" _ *Cairns, Queensland*
- 1985-1986 "Various Group Exhibitions" _ *Cairns, Queensland*

Appointments:

- 2007 "Artist in Residence" - *Novotel Twin - Waters Resort _ Sunshine Coast, Queensland.*
- 1987 "President - Cairns Art Society" _ *Cairns, Queensland*
- 1986-1989 "Art Judge" - *Mareeba and Atherton Art Shows.*
- 1987-1988 "Art Tutor" _ *Mareeba TAFE, Queensland*

Professional Experience:

- Graphic Designer and Illustrator
- Art Director - Creative Director
- Owner and Managing Director - Advertising Agency
- Commercial Photographer - Dark Room Operator
- Tutoring Painting Workshops for past 23 years.

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