



## *Don Milner* ARTIST

**B**orn 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 different genres, 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 foreboding 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 are 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 and regular Adobe Desktop Publishing programs (eg. Photoshop)

### Education:

- 2009 - "Certificate IV in Training & Assessment" \_ *Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE*
- 1976 - 1979 Diploma of Arts - "Visual Communications" \_ *Queensland College of Art.*

### Exhibitions:

- 2010 Winner - Open Category. "Best Painting" Scholarship to 'Brisbane Artist's Academe' \_ *Queensland.*
- 2009 Winner - Best Portrait. "Art 4 Life Portrait Painting Competition" \_ *Queensland.*
- 2008 Winner - Landscape Section. "Kenilworth Painting Competition" Plus Highly Commended \_ *Kenilworth, Queensland.*
- 2007 "Totally Nude" - Cooroy Butter Factory Gallery \_ *Cooroy, Queensland.*
- 2007 "Drawn Together" - Circle Gallery \_ *West End, Queensland.*
- 2007 "Art of the Body" \_ *Eumundi, Queensland*
- 2007 "Selected Queensland Artists from 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:

- 2010 - 2009 "Invited Tutor" - University of Southern Queensland \_ *McGregor Winter School \_ Toowoomba, Queensland.*
- 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 and Commercial Artist
- Art Director and Creative Director
- Owner and Managing Director of Design Studio and Advertising Agency
- Owner Operator of 3D Computer Animation Boutique for Corporate Video
- Commercial Photographer and Dark Room Operator
- Tutor of Painting Workshops - 24 years
- Tutor of Photoshop Workshops - 7 years

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