



## MARIA PATERSON

### ARTIST STATEMENT

Recent works are based on the inspiring performances of the children at Spaghetti circus. Utilising the digital camera I attempt to capture the shifting colours, movement and light play on the subject matter. I'm interested in the dramatic light and dark created by night performances.

In these images I have found some interesting faces, forms and shapes appearing, some creating their own stories and universes which I translate into paint and pastel and ceramic figures. While these figures and characters can seem to have another worldly quality to them, there can also be seen in them reflections of life and the human condition.

Whether it is an indecisive moment of not knowing what's round the next corner or a totally confident triumphant leap.

I see the reflections of the ups and downs of our existence.

### CV

#### Tertiary Education

1981	Arts Certificate Course, Meadowbank T.A.F.E
1989	Bachelor of Visual Arts, University of New England, Northern Rivers
2002	Graduate Diploma of Education
2003	Approval to teach in TAFE

#### Solo Exhibitions

1994	Recent works	Artworks on Oasis, Broadbeach QLD
1999	Recent works,	Mullumbimby Art Gallery
2006	Through the looking glass	Studio D'Mannie, Brisbane
2007	Light & Dark,	Hang Up Gallery, Billinudgel

#### Exhibitions Group Exhibitions

1985	Group Exhibition,	Arts Unlimited, Terranora
1986	Student Exhibition,	Lismore Regional Gallery
1988/89	Bravura, Women's Exhibition,	Lismore Regional Gallery
1989	Graduate Exhibition,	University of New England NRC
1990	Mullumbimby Life Drawing,	Mullumbimby Gallery
1991	Black & White,	Art Profusion, Broadbeach QLD
1991	North Coast Art Show, Byron Bay	
1991	Little Treasures, Big Pleasures,	Lismore Regional Gallery
1991	Annual Exhibition of Miniatures,	Tamworth City Gallery
1994	North Coast Art Show, Byron Bay	
1997	Egg & Beyond,	Barebones Gallery, Bangalow
1998	Portraits	Barebones Gallery, Bangalow
1999	Group show	Micheal Commerford gallery, Byron
2003	Group show	Citrus Gallery, Byron Bay
2004	Border Art Prize,	Tweed Regional Gallery
2004	Tutors exhibition,	Brisbane Institute of Art, Brisbane
2005	Border Art Prize,	Gold Coast Regional Gallery
2005	Group exhibition	Hang up gallery, Billinudgel

2005	Northern Exposure,	Brunswick Heads
2006	Students & Teachers show	Studio D'Mannie, Brisbane
2006	Group show	Hang up Gallery, Billinudgel
2007	Byron Art Diary	

### **Corporate Collections**

Marriott Hotel, Surfers Paradise, QLD  
Okinawa Resort, Okinawa, Japan  
Green Island Resort, Green Island QLD  
Meyers, QLD

### **Awards**

1991	Yamba Open Art Prize
1991	Pastellists Society of Australia, 1 <sup>st</sup> country member
1995	Southern Cross Art Prize, 1 <sup>st</sup> Still Life
2005	Ocean Shores Art Expo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mixed media , 1 <sup>st</sup> Peoples Choice award,
2006	Ocean Shores Art Expo 1 <sup>st</sup> Pastel