



**RUTH RICH**

## ARTIST STATEMENT

I came to Australia from Germany in 1956 as a second generation Holocaust survivor.

'Finding Blue Sky' were the words that came to me as I remembered the sense of vastness and the feeling of security for the first time and the possibility of a real future. It manifested in the strangely beautiful shapes and colours of the native flora and the vast blue summer sky.

Rediscovering these happy childhood memories has been a joyful experience, one filled with appreciation and gratitude about coming home to wholeness, to live in a place of peace, taking immense joy in the simple things in life.

**I paint from the heart...** Using rich, textual sensuality & vibrant colour I interpret my life's experience from travelling many years in exotic places throughout Asia, Europe & America. I draw constant inspiration through my love & passionate devotion to seeking truth and spiritual connection. I have developed my own contemporary style, evoking a sense of freedom, urgency and space.

## CV

[www.artworkshopsaustralia.com/redemption/](http://www.artworkshopsaustralia.com/redemption/)

### **1963 - 1965:**

Prahran Technical College, Melbourne –Certificate of Art majoring in illustration.

### **1965 - 1967:**

Melbourne Technical College- RMIT - Sculpture.

### **2000 - 2003:**

Established "The Byron Bay Painting School – Byron Bay Art Workshops" which runs bi-monthly workshops led by Michael John Taylor, Elisabeth Cummings, Lindy Lee, James Guppy and other distinctive Australian artists. Participation in these workshops gives an ongoing supervised training in development as an artist.

### **2000:**

*Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

Exhibition at Lismore Regional Art Gallery with Lina Eve and Bonny Bombach.

### **2001:**

'*Songs of Darkness*' Joint exhibition Wet on Wet Gallery Murwillumbah.

'*Redemption*' solo exhibition at the Dendy Theatre, Byron Bay.

### **2001 –2006:**

Facilitating "Art Journey" 3 day workshops exploring emotional expression through art in Byron Bay

Website: <http://byronbayartworkshops.com>

### **Gallery representation:**

Retrospect Galleries, Byron Bay, NSW

Piece Gallery Mullumbimby, NSW

Fine Art Gallery Byron Bay.

Gallery XO Tweed Heads

FEHVA Northern Rivers

Individual works acquired by private collectors in Australia and Europe