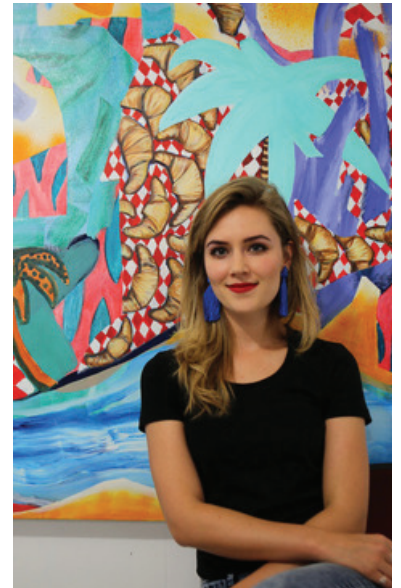


Emerging Artists - Rachael Dewhirst

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Rachael Dewhirst, a colourist and expressionist painter and is a young artist whose preference is to paint without inhibition or restriction. "I love the process of painting... initially I wanted to cram various techniques of painting with colour shapes and form... but a lot happens by chance..., for me the best work is made when I don't care so much and am fearless – not being too precious about the process..."

Dewhirst paintings are not only stimulating and uplifting but thought provoking. The artist's journey and exploration with each work absorbs and engages the viewer and with alluring splashes of colour and imagery, each work is a joy to behold.



RACHAEL DEWHIRST

Born in Auckland, New Zealand (1991), completed Honours in Fine Arts (2013) at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

Bio Highlights

Awards and grants:

2014

Royal Academy of Arts London- short listed for an interview
Recipient of Ethel Susan Jones Travel Scholarship

2013

Recipient of the Harry van der Lecq Scholarship for Painting
College of Arts Honours Scholarship
Recipient of a Bickerton-Widdowson Trust Memorial Scholarship

2012

Seager Prize in Fine Arts
Awarded Scholarship as one of Canterbury University's twenty art scholars,
Recipient of a Bickerton-Widdowson Trust Memorial Scholarship.
Select Award Winner: University of Canterbury Art Acquisition (Judge: Linda Tyler)

2011

Awarded a Bickerton-Widdowson Trust Memorial Scholarship
Zonta Youth Art Awards 3rd place

Collections

James Wallace Trust Collection
University of Canterbury Collection

Selected Exhibition History:

'Bon appétit', Bowen Galleries Wellington, 1-21st February 2016
'Aveyron à la mer', Chambers 241 Gallery Christchurch, 10th-31st March 2015
'Valette Series', Bowen Galleries Wellington, 16th June- 5th July 2014
'Standing Back', new works, Rachael Dewhirst and Simon Ogden at Bath Street Gallery Parnell Auckland, 6th May - 31st May 2014
Part of summer group show at Bath Street Gallery, 12th Feb- 2nd March 2013
Part of group showing in Hazeldean at Murray & Co Christchurch - until March 2013.
Part of group show Chambers 241 Gallery Christchurch, 21st January 2013
Resene Art in the streets Scape Christchurch mural in Cashel Street 'Kaleidoscopic Nights' 2012
'Peachy Keen Jelly Bean' - PaperGraphica Gallery Christchurch, 1 Oct - 15 Oct 2012
'Works in Process' - Casting Room, Canterbury University, Aug 31 2011