

Robert Malherbe

Robert Malherbe's long and self-imposed apprenticeship, driven by his passion for painting is paying off. The artist's training has been the first-hand contemplation of master works in the galleries of Europe, and has provided him with invaluable insights into the craft of painting that he now determinedly applies to his own practice. Looking to predecessors like Corot, Constable and Manet, Malherbe aims to represent the essential truth of his subject, and to realise the inherent relationships between the subject, the artist and the viewer.

Malherbe primarily works 'alla prima', which is a direct painting technique where a work is completed in one session, often by applying wet paint in layers. He thereby eschews the convenience of photography, instead working from life to capture the subtle revelations and feelings of immediacy imparted by the painted or drawn gesture; from the sensuality of the natural environment to the intimate landscape of the human form.

With confident brushstrokes and a reductive approach to colour, Malherbe extols the simple perfection of a moment and offers it for our contemplation.

Malherbe emigrated to Australia from Mauritius as a young boy. He worked as an animator before spending a decade traveling and living in Europe. Malherbe was awarded the NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize (2016) and won the Manning Art Prize (2015). He has exhibited extensively in Australia and has been a regular finalist in prestigious prizes, including the Archibald, Wynne and Mosman Art Prizes.

BIOGRAPHY

1965 Born in MAURITIUS

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017 *Recent Paintings*, James Makin Gallery, MELBOURNE
 2016 *In a brighter light*, Jan Murphy Gallery, BRISBANE
Resist the spirit of the times, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, NSW
 2014 *New works*, James Makin Gallery, MELBOURNE
What's there is there, Olsen Irwin Gallery, SYDNEY
 2013 *Ménage*, Jan Murphy Gallery, BRISBANE
 2012 *Douzieme*, James Makin Gallery, MELBOURNE
 2011 *Recent paintings*, Jan Murphy Gallery, BRISBANE
Genre, Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
 2010 *Recent works*, James Makin Gallery, MELBOURNE
 2009 *New paintings*, Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
 2008 Jan Murphy Gallery, BRISBANE
 2007 Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
 2006 Jan Murphy Gallery, BRISBANE
 2005 Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
 2004 Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
 2003 Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
 2000 Global Gallery, SYDNEY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 *I Heart Paint*, Bega Valley Regional Gallery, NSW
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
 2018 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Project Contemporary Art Space
 Wollongong, NSW
Interiors, Orange Regional Gallery, NSW
Jamberoo Mountain Road, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, NSW
 2017 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Artist Profile: Australasian Painters 2007 – 2017, Orange Regional
 Gallery, NSW
 2016 *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Plein Air Art Prize, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONTD)

- 2016 *Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
Paddington Art Prize, Woollahra, NSW
- 2015 *Plein Air Art Prize*, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY
Kogarah Art Prize, Kogarah City Council, NSW
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW
Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, SYDNEY
Naked and Nude, *Manning Art Prize*, Manning Regional Gallery, NSW
- 2015 *Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
- 2014 *Gathered in Spring*, Olsen Irwin Gallery, SYDNEY
Hill End, Jan Murphy Gallery, BRISBANE
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, SYDNEY
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Calleen Art Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Paddington Art Prize, SYDNEY
- 2013 *Lloyd Rees Art Prize*, Colville Gallery, TASMANIA
Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
Naked and Nude, *Manning Art Prize*, Manning Regional Gallery, NSW
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
- 2012 *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
Plein Air Painting Prize, New South Wales Government House, SYDNEY
Tattersall's Landscape Art Prize, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
Paddington Art Prize, SYDNEY
Kedumba Drawing Award, Orange Regional Gallery, NSW
Redland Art Award, Redland Art Gallery, QLD
- 2011 *Salon des Refusés*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2011 James Makin Gallery, MELBOURNE
Plein Air Painting Prize, New South Wales Government House, SYDNEY
- 2010 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales SYDNEY
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONTD)

- 2010 *Plein Air Painting Prize*, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY
- 2010 *Stations Of The Cross*, Uniting Church, SYDNEY
- 2009 *Plein Air Painting Prize*, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY
- 2008 Tim Olsen Gallery Annex, SYDNEY
57TH *Blake Prize*, National Art School Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2007 Jan Murphy Gallery, BRISBANE
Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2006 *Art on the Rocks*, SYDNEY
- 2004 *Salon des Refusés*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2003 *Salon des Refusés*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
Tim Olsen Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2002 ArtHouse Gallery,
- 1999 Chelsea Art Show, LONDON

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Finalist, *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
- 2018 Finalist, *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
- 2017 Finalist, *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Sulman Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
- 2016 Finalist, *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Winner, *Plein Air Art Prize*, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
Finalist, *Paddington Art Prize*, Woollahra, NSW
- 2015 Winner, *Naked and Nude*, *Manning Art Prize*, Manning Regional Gallery, NSW
Finalist, *Plein Air Art Prize*, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Kogarah Art Prize*, Kogarah City Council, NSW
Finalist, *Salon des Refuses*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Mosman Art Prize*, Mosman Art Gallery, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES
(CONTD)

- 2015 Finalist, *Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
Finalist, *Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize*, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW
- 2014 Finalist, *Calleen Art Prize*, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Finalist, *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Mosman Art Prize*, Mosman Art Gallery, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Paddington Art Prize*, SYDNEY
- 2013 Consolation Prize, *Naked and Nude*, *Manning Art Prize*, Manning Regional Gallery, NSW
Finalist, *Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
Finalist, *Lloyd Rees Art Prize*, Colville Gallery, HOBART
Finalist, *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
- 2012 Finalist, *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Salon des Refuses*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Plein Air Painting Prize*, New South Wales Government House, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Tattersall's Landscape Art Prize*, Tattersall's Club, BRISBANE
Finalist, *Paddington Art Prize*, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Kedumba Drawing Award*, Orange Regional Gallery, NSW
- 2012 Finalist, *Redland Art Award*, Redland Art Gallery, QLD
- 2011 Finalist, *Salon des Refuses*, S H Erwin Gallery, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Plein Air Painting Prize*, New South Wales Government House, SYDNEY
- 2010 Finalist, *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales SYDNEY
Finalist, *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, SYDNEY
Finalist, *Plein Air Painting Prize*, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY
- 2009 Finalist, *Plein Air Painting Prize*, New South Wales Parliament House, SYDNEY
- 2008 Finalist, *57TH Blake Prize*, National Art School Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2004 Finalist, *Salon des Refuses*, S H Erwin Gallery, SYDNEY
- 2003 Finalist, *Salon des Refuses*, S H Erwin Gallery, SYDNEY
- PUBLICATIONS
- 2017 Jessica Layt and Jennie Curtin, *Locals in art finals*, Blue Mountains Gazette, 24 July

PUBLICATIONS (CONTD)

- 2016 Emily Ritchie, *Robert Malherbe: discovery leads artist to parliamentary victory*, The Australian, 13 October
 Judith Pugh, *Robert Malherbe*, Artist Profile, November
 Belinda Seeney, *Out in the open*, U on Sunday, 3 July
 Natalie Walton, *Artist Robert Malherbe*, Daily Imprint, 2 May
 Katrina Arent, *Out/About: Robert Malherbe 'Resist the Spirit of the times'*, In/Out by Arent & Pyke, 29 April
- 2015 Ali Gripper, *Better Reading's Cheryl Akle inspired by art, especially her Robert Malherbe work*, Sydney Morning Herald, 27 June
 Shane Desiatnik, *Blackheath artist Robert Malherbe a finalist in Plein Air Painting Prize*, Blue Mountains Gazette, 16 June
- 2014 Emily Cones-Browne, *Artists support Mental Health Week*, Art Collector, October
 A.J. Edwards, *Robert Malherbe*, Art Almanac, 29 May
- 2011 John McDonald, *Colour schemes*, Sydney Morning Herald, 22-23 October
- 2010 Christopher Allen, *Heads will roll at Archibald Prize*, The Australian, 18 March

COLLECTIONS

Australian Club, SYDNEY
 Manning Regional Gallery, NSW
 NSW Parliament House, NSW
 Redland Art Gallery, QLD
 Private collections throughout Australia