

Ben Quilty in Adelaide

My brothers and other paintings

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One of Australia's most important contemporary artists, Ben Quilty will soon hold an exhibition in Adelaide. Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, will present the artist's first solo exhibition in South Australia.

To be officially opened by the Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia, Nick Mitzevich, Quilty's latest offering of paintings include a number of portraits. Paintings of the artist's brothers and actor Bille Brown will hang next to a number of portraits of locals Quilty met on a recent trip to Fiji.

Inspired to paint an exhibition of portraits after his recent tour to Afghanistan as official war artist, these recent works continue Quilty's exploration of the human psyche through paint. The people of South Australia are already familiar with Quilty's work; *Inhabit*, his installation of sixteen portraits referencing Captain Cook was acquired by the Art Gallery of South Australia in 2010.

Having won the Archibald Prize in 2011 with his portrait of Margaret Olley and the Doug Moran Portrait Prize in 2009, Ben Quilty has staked his claim as one of Australia's leading figurative painters. An artist willing to take creative risks, Quilty has earned himself broad popular appeal and impressive critical acclaim.

My brothers and other paintings is the ideal opportunity for the people of Adelaide to view what is undoubtedly one of Ben Quilty's finest exhibitions to date.