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Noosa Regional Gallery Unveils a Trio of New Exhibitions Celebrating Local Talent and Environments

This February, Noosa Regional Gallery is proud to present the first of three compelling new exhibitions, showcasing the diverse and rich artistic talent within the Sunshine Coast. The gallery invites art lovers and the community to immerse themselves in these unique exhibitions, each offering a distinct perspective on our natural surroundings and the essence of creative expression.

Peter Hudson: A Journey Through Land and Spirit

Renowned Sunshine Coast artist Peter Hudson debuts his latest collection of works, *Right Place / Right Time*, inspired by the breathtaking landscapes of Noosa. Hudson, known for his deep connection to Australian history and the natural world, employs his signature 'en plein air' technique to capture the ephemeral beauty of the Noosa biosphere.

This collection, created during the June - July 2023 Floating Land: Us and Them biennale, states Noosa Regional Gallery Director Michael Brennan, reflects Hudson's "profound engagement with the environment, exploring the interplay of light." His dedication to painting outdoors, without subsequent alterations, ensures each piece remains an authentic representation of the moment and place it was conceived.

"Hudson's work not only celebrates the physical beauty of the land" continues Brennan, "but also references his musical background. Grouping his works in 4s, as observed by Kim Guthrie, this exhibition reflects a drummer's 4/4 time signature; the time signature of Peter's life."

Pressed Into Place: Collective Creativity by Press Gang

The second exhibition, *Pressed Into Place*, features the innovative work of Noosa-based printmaking collective, Press Gang. Comprising artists Gabi Dick, Giuliana De Witts, Judy Barras, and others, the collective explores the region's natural environments through a shared creative process.

Revealing the "delicate balance between the collective's varied techniques and the singular beauty of the landscapes they depict", the group, says Brennan, offers viewers a nuanced appreciation of both the artistic method and the subject matter.

Michele Rudder: Exploring the Boundaries of Creativity

Creativity Has No Limits by Sunshine Coast-based artist Michele Rudder, is the third exhibition offered in this program, and invites viewers into a world where creativity transcends traditional boundaries.

Drawing upon her diverse artistic education and experiences, Rudder's work is a celebration of life's challenges and triumphs, expressed through symbols and motifs that resonate with deep emotional and philosophical themes. Her innovative use of surrealistic elements and the concept of 'Mirror Vision' provides a unique perspective, encouraging the audience to explore the thin veil between the real and the unreal.

Say's Brennan, "Each piece serves as a conduit for contemplation, inviting viewers to reflect on their own experiences and perceptions."

Noosa Regional Gallery is proud to present these three distinct exhibitions, showcasing the rich tapestry of local talent and the diverse ways in which the beauty and complexity of the Noosa environment and beyond can inspire creativity and connection.

Peter Hudson : Right Place / Right Time, Press Gang : Pressed Into Place and Michele Rudder " Creativity Has No Limits will run from 24 February to 14 April 2024. Entry to the exhibitions are free. Visit: www.noosaregionalgallery.com.au

Join us for the official opening event at the Gallery on Saturday 24 February from 3 – 5pm. Free tickets are available via the website.

Image: Peter Hudson, The Track to Tea Tree Bay (detail). Photo by Richard Muldoon.

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