

Star Gossage

Artist Statement and Biography

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- 1) Awhi Mai, 50(H) x 40(W) cm (Owner: Mel Bayley)
- 2) Never Alone, 40 x 40 (Owner: Susan Glennie)
- 3) The World is Your House, There are No Walls, 50 x 40 (Owner: Jacqueline Kampen)
- 4) Whetu, 30 x 21 (Owner: David Ellis)
- 5) Pa Girls, 80 x 80 (Owner: Maurice & Barbara Kiely)
- 6) Your Eyes Are Like Our River, 80 x 80 (Owner: Lorraine Welch)
- 7) Girl With the Feather on Her Chest, 40 x 30 (Owner: Logan Slavin)
- 8) That Stairway of Stars Where Your Ancestors Are, 40 x 30 (Owner: John Pusateri)
- 9) You Are Guided by a Thousand Stars, 40 x 30 (Owner: Shirley & Russell Hodgson)
- 10) Marae, 40 x 40 (Owner: James Wallace Arts Trust)
- 11) Rahui Kiri Road, 80 x 80 (Owner: Debra Gardien)
- 12) Clouds Caught in the River, 80 x 80 (Owner: Shirley & Russell Hodgson)

“*Marae* is an attempt to paint how I feel about being Maori.

My uncle, who was our *rangatira* (chief), passed away last year and it made me look at my own life, lives that have gone before me, and lives that are yet to come. I feel blessed to be part of a culture that nurtures, embraces and teaches *aroha* (all-encompassing love) from the day you are born till the day you die; a culture where you are never alone.

I wanted to paint these images so the world could see and share in the beauty I have grown up with. I was very aware that paintings like these have never been made from a Maori perspective before and part of my motivation was that I wanted to give something back to my own people.

The images are very simple but they come from my heart. I hope they can touch a universal place, a place that everyone can call home and which we call our *Marae*.”

Artist Biography

Star Gossage New Zealand

Ngati Wai | Ngati Ruanui | French | English | Portuguese
b. 1973, New Zealand

Education

1995 Diploma of Fine Arts, Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin

Solo Shows

- 2013 Marae, Tim Melville Gallery. Auckland NZ
- 2013 Star Gossage, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2012 Au, Au ,Au, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland NZ
- 2012 Calling You Home- Karanga Mal Ki Te Kainga Paulnache, Gisborne NZ
- 2011 Between Earth & Sky, Page Blackie Gallery. Wellington NZ
- 2010 Minyerri, Page Blackie Gallery. Wellington NZ
- 2009 Ao / Light, Paulnache. Gisborne NZ
- 2009 Mauri Moe, Auckland Art Fair / Paulnache Gallery NZ
- 2008 New Works, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2008 New Paintings, Paulnache, Gisborne NZ
- 2007 AE AM, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2006 New Works, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2005 New Paintings, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2004 New Paintings, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2003 Star Gossage- Paintings, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2002 Grey, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ

- 2001 Ora, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 1999 Kotahi Ra, Old Saw Mill. Leigh NZ
- 1996 Nga Pungawaihanga, Milford Galleries. Dunedin NZ

Group Shows

- 2014 Five Maori Painters, Auckland Art Gallery Toi O Tamaki. Auckland NZ
- 2013 Call of Taranaki: Reo Karanga O Taranaki, Puke Ariki. New Plymouth NZ
- 2013 Three Colours Blue, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland NZ
- 2011 Oceania, City Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2009 Landscape, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2005 Te Hei Tiki, Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland NZ
- 2004 YMCA (Young Maori Contemporary Artists), Sarjeant Gallery, Whanganui NZ
- 2004 He Rere KI - Taking Flight, Page Blackie Gallery, Wellington NZ
- 2000 Moemoea, Portland Gallery, Whangarei NZ
- 1996 Star Gossage / Alistair Galbraith, Butchers Gallery, Port Chalmers NZ
- 1996 Cultural Safety, The Dowse, Lower Hutt / Dunedin Public Art Gallery NZ

Collections

- Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki
- Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand
- New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade
- University Of Auckland
- James Wallace Arts Trust