

Artist: “Banx”



Sister Act (Blue Mountains) 2007 oil on canvas 1500 x 900mm

A prolific and passionate full-time artist and children’s book illustrator inspired by his love of Australia, Mike Banks (aka Banx) has illustrated and drawn one thing or another for most of his life, following in a long line of several generations of published artists in his family.

An artist-in-residence at The Quarry in Whangarei, New Zealand before moving back to Brisbane to live and paint full-time, Banx organised and ran art courses, life drawing groups and drawing courses for special-needs students, and taught privately as support for 'Home Schooling'.

A hospitality-industry trainer in London; carpenter and a commercial signage designer in a former life, Banx's current passions extend to site-specific construction art for Corporate offices, working in textured acrylics, and other materials. Banx is inspired by the vivid colours of the Australian landscape in many of his works and he enjoys experimenting with mixed media.

His work has appeared on an Australian Foxtel television series in 2006; and he recently taught contemporary art at the Summer Arts Retreat at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba.

His many varied works are held in private and public collections throughout Australia, New Zealand and Europe, as well as galleries in Brisbane; at Wellington Point; in Bundaberg; The Reserve Vault and in many charity collections. He is artist-in-residence at Moving Canvas, where he specialises in site-specific commissions for city Corporates.

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