

# Angela Russo

## Artist

Angela Russo was born in Melbourne, Australia. She has always had an urge to express herself artistically. Angela's background is in Primary Teaching and it was during her teaching years that she became renowned for her blackboard drawings and cartoon illustrations. Angela began with Pastel classes with Jacqueline Long and these were followed with tuition by Rosemary Todman Parrant, Agata Lelek and Catherine Hamilton. She has also participated in workshops with Maxwell Walks, Alan Rawady and Lorraine Lewitska.

Angela Russo is an artist who paints a wide variety of subject matter including figurative work and portraiture, cityscapes, and animals. Angela draws inspiration from living on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula; her love of the Australian landscape and her travels to Europe and the U.S.A. In her artwork she aims to capture the contrasting effects of light; the beauty of the scene and the mood of her figures. Her aim in painting is to create images that inspire, uplift and bring joy: whether it is to put a smile on the viewer's face; evoke a happy memory, see the beauty in the world or even to hear the music. She aims to capture those emotions and transport the viewer to that space where one can connect and experience the pure beauty. Angela is influenced by the impressionist painters. Angela's favourite medium is pastel and charcoal. Angela believes pastel bridges the gap between painting and drawing. Angela exhibits regularly in art shows. Angela has also completed several commissions. She is represented in private collections in Australia and overseas. Angela currently has works on display at the Oz Gallery in Mount Martha, Victoria and The Studio @ Flinders. Angela is a member of The Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia and The Peninsula Arts Society.

Angela's awards include

Winner of the Peoples' Choice- Melb Food & Wine Festival, Feast, Pray, Love Art Exhibition 2014

Highly Commended - Sorrento Art Show 2014

Highly Commended Pastel - Peninsula Arts Society Spring Exhibition 2013

Highly Commended Drawing - Flinders Art Show 2012

Special Mention - Peninsula Arts Society Spring Art Exhibition 2011.

Commended (Mornington Peninsula scene) - Mornington Rotary Art Exhibition 2010

Best Cityscape - Pastel Society of Victoria Australia 2008

Best Pastel - Derinya Art Show 2008

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