

FRANCES KEEVIL GALLERY

ISABELLE DEVOS

ARTIST STATEMENT

Moving to rural Australia ten years ago, Isabelle has found her new home to be an exciting and energetic place, full of wondrous light and vivid contrasts.

“The more abstract elements within a given scene draw my attention; the curve of a hill, the juxtaposition of buildings or a long shadow made by a windbreak of trees.”

The art works are slightly surreal, simplified but not naive, subtly playing with perspective and giving a sense of disquiet - the feeling of a half-remembered dream or a mystery on the verge of being understood.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Fine Arts: Photography and Painting, Mount Allison University, Canada

SELECTED SOLO AND MIXED EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 'A Distant Summer', Frances Keevil Gallery, Double Bay
- 2016 'Townscapes', Weswal Gallery, Tamworth NSW
'The Drawing Project', Gallery 126, Armidale NSW
'Art with Altitude', Works of Art Gallery, Gunnedah NSW
- 2015 'The Wait for Evening', Frances Keevil Gallery, Double Bay
- 2014 'Calm Before the Storm', New England Regional Art Museum (solo)
Purdy Crawford Centre for the Arts, Gala Opening, New Brunswick Canada (juried)
Gallery Gala Opening, Weswal Gallery, Tamworth NSW
- 2013 Christmas Exhibition, Gallery 126, Armidale NSW (juried)
Ode to Olley, New England Regional Art Museum, NSW (invitation)
- 2012 Norvill Art Prize, Murrurundi, NSW (juried)
Armidale Art Prize, Armidale NSW
Gallery Artists, Frances Keevil Gallery, Double Bay, NSW (juried)
'Crossing New England VI', Armidale Art Gallery, NSW (juried)
- 2011 'From There to Here', Gallery 126, Armidale NSW (solo)
'Countryscapes', Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW (juried)
'Countryscapes', Glasshouse Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW (juried)
- 2010 'Countryscapes', Chifley Towers, Sydney NSW (juried)
- 2009 Country Energy Art Prize, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW (juried)
'Crossing New England III', Armidale NSW (curated)
Warwick Art Prize, Warwick Art Gallery, QLD (juried)
Tattersalls Art Prize, Tattersalls Club, Brisbane QLD (juried)
'Countryscapes', The Wentworth Galleries, Sydney NSW (juried)
- 2008 Country Energy Art Prize, Broken Hill Gallery, NSW (juried)
Norvill Art Prize, Murrurundi, NSW (juried)
On a Clear Day, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, NSW
Stanthorpe Art Prize, Stanthorpe Regional Gallery, QLD (juried)
- 2007 Latest Works, Lake Russell Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
'Countryscapes', Art Space, Woolloomooloo NSW (juried)
- 2006 Country Energy Art Prize Finalists, Goulburn Regional Gallery (juried)
'A Sense of Quiet', Gallery 126, Armidale NSW (solo)
Countryscapes, Sydney Parliament House, NSW (juried)
- 2005 Country Energy Art Prize Finalists, Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
- 2004 Acquisitions: NB Art Bank, touring exhibition, Canada
- 2003 Insecurities Project, Struts Gallery, NB Canada (solo)
Davis Canadian Arts, Stratford, Ontario, Canada (solo)

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PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 2016 Winner, Armidale Art Prize, Armidale NSW
 2014 Finalist, Calleen Art Award, Cowra NSW
 2012 Highly Commended, Norvill Art Prize, Murrurundi NSW
 Finalist, Norvill Art Prize for Landscape Painting
 2011 Finalist, Essential Energy \$35,000 Art Prize for Landscape Painting
 2010 Finalist, Country Energy \$35,000 Art Prize for Landscape Painting
 2009 Finalist, Country Energy \$35,000 Art Prize for Landscape Painting
 Finalist, Warwick Art Prize
 Finalist, Tattersalls Art Prize
 2008 Winner, Unpacker's Prize, Norvill Art Prize
 Finalist, Country Energy \$35,000 Art Prize for Landscape Painting
 Finalist, Stanthorpe Art Prize, Australia
 2006 Finalist, Country Energy \$35,000 Art Prize for Landscape Painting
 Finalist, Australian Artist Magazine Landscape Prize
 2007 Finalist, Muswellbrook Open Art Prize
 2005 Finalist, Country Energy \$35,000 Art Prize for Landscape Painting
 Highly Commended, Bellingen Art Prize
 Finalist, Muswellbrook Open Art Prize
 2003 Artist Grant, Canada Council for the Arts, Insecurities Project
 2002 Artist Grant, New Brunswick Arts Board, Insecurities Project
 1998 Grant, Canada Council for the Arts, Landed Immigrant Seeks Landscape
 Grant, New Brunswick Arts Board, Landed Immigrant Seeks Landscape

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 'Australian Garden History', illustration for article Vol. 25
 'In a Heartbeat', cover art work, published by Sydney Theatre Company
 2006 'Geist Magazine', issue 58, 'Findings', Canada
 2003 'The New Insecurity', CNN national television news, USA
 'Sunday ', with Evan Solomon, CBC National Television, Canada
 2002 'The Savvy Traveler', National Public Radio, USA
 'The World', BBC International Radio, UK
 'Airport Security and Art', New York Times
 'Scatti rubati in aeroporto..', Il Giorgale, Italian newspaper

ACTIVITIES

- 2012 Art work chosen for poster design, Sydney Theatre Company
 2011 Artist in Residence, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, NSW
 2009 Artist in residence, Artist in the Gallery, NERAM, Armidale NSW
 Judge, Glen Archies Art Prize, Glen Innes, NSW
 Promotion and Publicity Coordinator, NERAM, Armidale NSW
 2008 Regional Artist Workshops Coordinator, NIRDB, NSW
 2007 Regional Survey Data Collection, Arts North West, NSW
 2006 Artist Survey Developer, Arts North West, NSW

COLLECTIONS AND COMMISSIONS

- New Brunswick State Art Collection, Canada
 Anchorage Press, New Brunswick, Canada
 Private collections and commissions in Canada, Australia, USA, Belgium,
 Netherlands, Russia and England