

FRANCES KEEVIL GALLERY

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Gerard McCabe

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

"My 'instruction and education' as a sculptor, started early in my childhood. I spent a vast amount of time roaming the countryside and seashore, fascinated with the sheer variety of what I saw. When something particularly 'grabbed my imagination'... the flight of seabird, cut clean against a blue sky, or a dew laden spiders web strung between two blades of grass, I remember wanting to freeze that perfect moment. I began to carry a sketchpad and pencil with me, to somehow give solidity to memory, and would often bring found items home, sketching to give permanence and meaning to the form. But one view never seemed enough to capture the essence of these things, so I began to model those persistent images and objects, and by variance of proportion and texture, and a three dimensional surface to capture light and shade, the possibilities seemed to expand. What the eye sees, and the hand executes, processed by imagination, to me, is the miracle of sculpture.

My work is drawn from all forms found in the natural world, be they human, animal, or landscape. It may be simply a moment in time, or a reinterpretation of form."

EXHIBITIONS

- 2011 Group Exhibition, Taupo
- 2010 Equestrian Bronzes Exhibition, Melbourne
- 2009 Makers Mark Gallery, Melbourne
- 2007 Expressions Te Marua, Wellington
- 2003 Milford Galleries : New Zealand Sculptors Show, Dunedin
Black Barn Winery Garden Sculpture Show, Hastings
- 2002 Te Manawa, Palmerston North
- 2000 Ferner Galleries, Wellington
- 1990 Ferner Galleries, Wellington
- 1998 Ferner Galleries, Wellington
- 1996 Makers Mark Gallery, Melbourne
Dobson Bashford Gallery , Christchurch
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- 1993 Mary N Hunter Gallery, Carmel, California, U.S.A
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- 1991 Marilyn Savill Gallery, Wellington
C.S.A Gallery, Christchurch
- 1990 Molesworth Gallery, Wellington
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- 1988 Molesworth Gallery, Wellington
Charlotte H Gallery, Auckland
- 1987 Molesworth Gallery, Wellington
- 1986 Leech Gallery, Auckland
Mittys Gallery, Melbourne
- 1985 Alicat, Auckland
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- 1983 Alicat, Auckland