Don Milner.. Australian artist and painter lives on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. Painting original art in impressionist and realistic styles. Seascape mainly plus landscape, cityscape, portrait and still life using paint mediums, Acrylics, Oils, Charcoal, Pastel and Drawing techniques.

"I am primarily a Visual Communicator and Story Teller

and I celebrate my 'Freedom of Expression' through my art. Inspired by my environment and the colourful characters who inhabit it. My artistic impressions manifest themselves and are reflected through my paintings and art."

Don Milner is seen as a very worthy emerging artist to watch and follow as his art regularly gains the attention of art lovers and collectors alike because of its unique qualities and masterfully executed techniques, plus his art has continued to significantly increase in value over the past 2 decades.

Don's exquisite original paintings are fast becoming highly sort after treasures which are beautiful to look at and can also positively adorn any home, business or gallery space in which they appear.

Born in Queensland, Australia, and graduated from Queensland College of Art in 1979. I then pursued a commercial art career as a Graphic Designer and Illustrator spanning 26 years. Since year 2000, I have enjoyed my new role as fine artist and painter using mediums such as Acrylic, Oils, Pastel, Charcoal and Drawing. My world is constantly inspiring me to paint and draw in subjects of many different genres. However Portraiture, Seascapes, Landscapes and Still Life predominate.

I also enjoy and celebrate my art through a personal commitment of sharing my knowledge, experience and skills with others through regular themed Painting and Drawing Art Classes and Workshops locally and abroad.

. 2009 Certificate IV in Training & Assessment _ Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE **Quality Assurance** _ Brisbane Institute of TAFE

• 1976 - 1979 Diploma of Arts - Visual Communications _ Queensland College of Art

Exhibitions:

· 2022 Winner.. Best Acrylic - Immanuel Arts Festival _ Queensland

Winner.. Drawing + Still Life - RNA-Ekka art exhibition _ Queensland

Winner.. Landscape + Portrait + Miniature - Bell Art Exhibition _ Queensland

Winner.. Best Overall + Landscape + Portrait - 36th Hervey Bay Art Exhibition _ Queensland Winner.. Best Portrait - Local Heros - Cooroy _ Queensland Winner.. Best Portrait - Hugh Sawrey Art Award - Kogan _ Queensland Packers Prize.. Portrait - Andrew Fisher - Sunshine Coast _ Queensland

Semi Finalist.. Portrait - Doug Moran National Portrait _ Australia

Winner.. 3rd Prize - Portrait - Andrew Fisher - Sunshine Coast _ Queensland Winner.. 2nd Prize - Portrait - Window's Of Time - Sunshine Coast _ Queensland

Winner - Best of Show + Best Landscape - Best Still Life - Moore Art Awards & Exhibition _ Queensland

Solo.. Making Light of Paint - Rosalie Gallery - Goombungee _ Queensland Group.. Sunshine Coast - Unsung Heroes - Portrait _ Sunshine Coast _ Queensland

Group.. The Language of Art - Carrington's Gallery - Noosa Junction _ Queensland Solo.. Retrospective - Back to the Future - Rosalie Gallery - Goombungee _ Queensland

Winner - Open Category - Best Painting - Scholarship - Brisbane Artist's Academe _ Queensland

Winner - Best Portrait - Art 4 Life Portrait Painting Competition _ Queensland

Winner - Landscape Section - Kenilworth Painting Competition _ Kenilworth, Queensland Group.. Totally Nude - Cooroy Butter Factory Gallery _ Cooroy, Queensland Group.. Drawn Together - Circle Gallery _ West End, Queensland

Group.. Art of the Body _ Eumundi, Queensland

Selected Queensland Artists from 2007 Archibald Portrait Competition _ Sheridan, Noosa Heads, Queensland Group.. Two Visions - Novotel - Twin Waters Resort _ Sunshine Coast, Queensland Group.. Celebration - The Painting - Eumundi Artists _ Eumundi, Queensland Various Group Exhibitions _ Sunshine Coast, Queensland

• 1985 - 1998 Various Solo Exhibition and Group Exhibitions Cairns, Caboolture, Sunshine Coast Queensland

Appointments:

· 2021 **Art Judge** - Mary Valley Art Exhibition - Queensland

Art Judge - Artisans Guild of Caboolture & District, Queensland

Art Judge - Widebay Art Society, Annual Exhibition, Hervey Bay. Queensland Art Judge - Bell Art Group Annual Exhibition, Queensland + Mary Valley Arts Festival

Invited Tutor - University of Southern Queensland _ McGregor Art School _ Toowoomba, Queensland Invited Tutor - Russell Art Society _ Russell _ New Zealand

Art Judge - Artisans Guild of Caboolture & District, Queensland
Artist in Residence - Novotel Twin - Waters Resort _ Sunshine Coast, Queensland

President - Cairns Art Society _ Cairns, Queensland
• 1986 - 1988 - Art Tutor _ Mareeba TAFE, Queensland

Publications and Media Coverage:

• 2016 Australian - How to Paint - Featured Artist - Cover + 10 page spread Australian - Creative Artist - Featured Artist - 12 page spread Toowoomba Chronicle - Featured Artist for current exhibition High Country News + Toowoomba Chronicle - Featured Artist for current exhibition **Toowoomba Chronicle** - Featured Artist for current exhibition

• 2007 Sunshine Coast Daily - Featured Artist for current exhibition

Professional Experience:

- Graphic Designer and Illustrator and Commercial Artist
- Art Director and Creative Director
- Owner and Managing Director of Advertising Agency and Design Studio
- Owner Operator of 3D Computer Animation Boutique for Corporate Video
- · Commercial Photographer and Dark Room Operator
- Tutor of Painting Art Classes & Workshops 35 years



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