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NORTHERN RIVERS PORTRAIT PRIZE

The Northern Rivers Portrait Prize has been running for 4 years.

It is an art competition in which artists Australia wide create an artwork of someone who has lived in the Northern Rivers

The exhibition showcases the portrait paintings, drawings and prints of the artists who successfully entered the Northern Rivers Portrait Prize. This year we had 164 entries and 58 finalists which were all exhibited. The judge this year was Phillip Bacon who is the Director of Phillip Bacon Galleries in Brisbane. It was his job to look at the artworks and choose the artwork he felt was the best portrait.

The overall winner of 2013 was Rene Bolten with his portrait of Jenny London



Rene Bolten is a local artist who was born in the Netherlands and has been working as an artist for 40 years. He very is influenced by the Dutch 17th Century painter Rembrandt. Rene used oil paints on canvas to create this painting and it took him almost two years to finish it.

Jenny London who is the subject of the portrait works in the Northern Rivers advocating for people with disabilities.

Rene said he wanted to paint Jenny in this pose to show the concern that she has for other people, as though she is looking towards someone else outside the picture frame. He also uses a technique in this painting called **chiaroscuro** an Italian word meaning light and shade.

Rene creates strong contrasts between light and dark in this painting of Jenny, as she emerges from the dark background into the bright light.



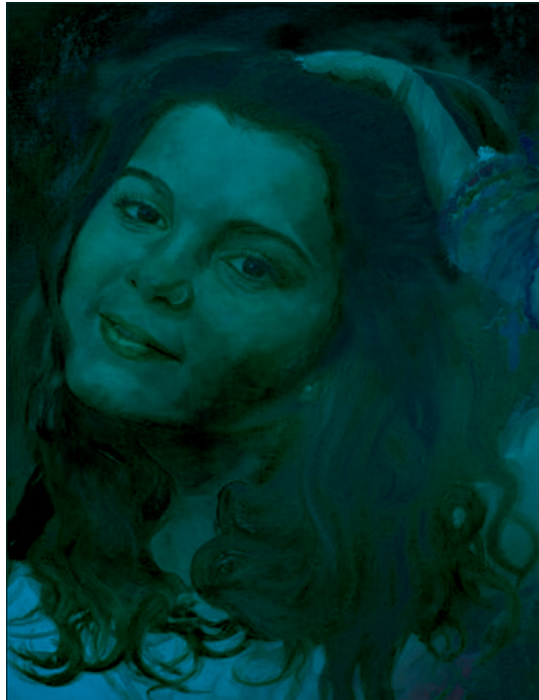
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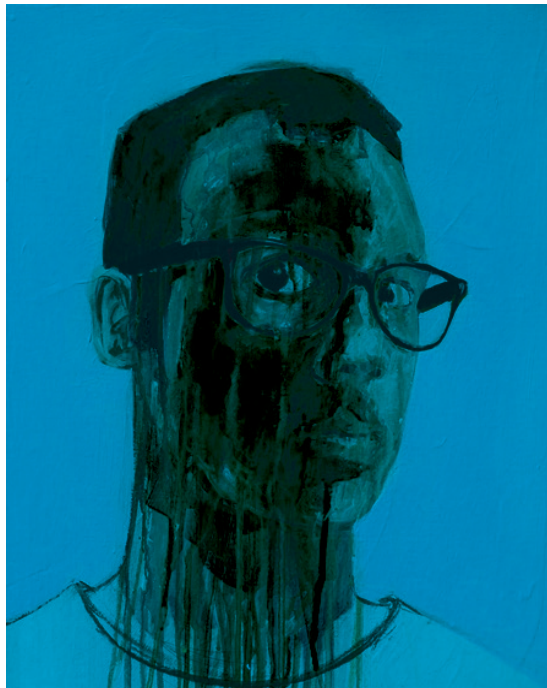
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What is a Portrait?

A Portrait is a painting, print, drawing or other artistic image of a person.



A Self-Portrait is a painting, print, drawing or other artistic image an artist has made of themselves.



images: Dolores Hartwig, *The Sage* (Bailey Kilpin)
Vitor Santos, *It's like Victor, but without the C.* (Self-Portrait)



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Peggy Popart's High School Art Activities



**This painting is by artist Lina Buck.
She won the ARMSIGN award for a artist under 30 at the 2013
Northern Rivers Portrait Prize.**

Lina used acrylic paint on canvas to create this painting of her mother Sandra Buck.

She chose to paint a portrait of her mother because she is an important person in her life.

Who would you chose to do a portrait of?

What kind of materials or techniques would you use to create the portrait?

Create a portrait of someone who is important in your life.



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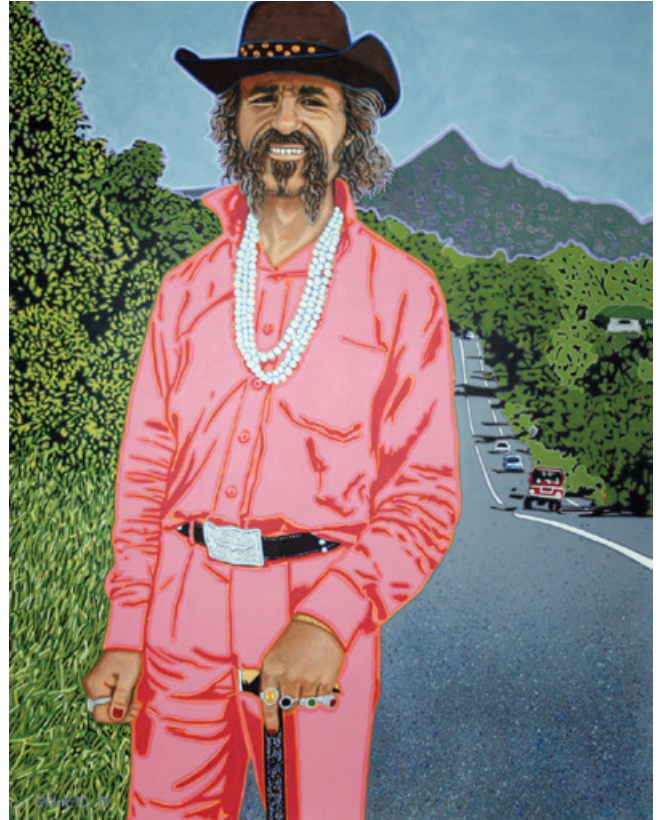


Shifali

Artist: Tony Leitch

Artists sometimes give us the audience clues about a person and their personality through the objects they paint into a picture.

What can you tell about Shifali from this portrait?



Shanti Out and About

Artist: Solveig

Shanti is a well known colourful character around the Mullumbimby area.

Write a story that begins with:

The pink cowboy went to town....

Illustrate your story



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The lolly shop lady

Artist: Oksana Waterfall

Oksana Waterfall is a well known local artist, who loves to draw people in groups. To make her portrait subject stand out she used a different medium to draw her. Oksana used graphite and colour pencil to create this drawing.

Create a story using some of the people in this drawing as the characters with the lolly shop lady as the central character.



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'can't eat coal can't drink gas'

Artist: Rhonda Baker

This is a portrait of Clare Twomey, she is part of the Knitting Nanna's Group who protested against coal seam gas mining in the Northern Rivers area.

Claire is very passionate about protecting the environment and artist Rhonda Baker gives us clues about this in her painting. She shows Claire Knitting a scarf that flows through the landscape giving protection to the land and knitting back together the environment and community.

What are the things that you feel strongly about in your life?

How would you represent this in a portrait of yourself?



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Mr Prince

Artist: Maya Veit

This is Mr Prince a maths teacher who works and lives in the Northern Rivers area.

Create a portrait of a teacher in your school.



Tommy

Artist: Michelle Dawson

Michelle Dawson is well a known local artist who also makes illustrations for childrens books. She has a talent for bringing a sense of movement into her paintings.

She has used white paint strokes extending from the white shirt of Tommy to show us how he is dancing.

Can you create a painting that shows the subjects movement?



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She sees the world in words

Artist: Sarah Symonds

This is Tallula she has amazing magic glasses.

What fantastic things do you think she can see with her magical glasses?

Make a list and draw pictures of the things she sees.

Boy with Blue Violin

Artist: Paul de Grey Bashford

The artist has created a portrait painting of Isaac and his violin. The blue violin is a very central focus of this artwork.

If the blue violin could sing you a song what would it be about?

Write the blue violin's story.





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Daniel

Artist: Ray Coffey

Artist Ray Coffey has used charcoal to draw this photo-realistic portrait of Daniel. The artist has shown us the passing of time on Daniels face, through the lines and marks he has drawn.

How does this portrait make you feel?

Write a short poem to describe Daniel's face.

image: Ray Coffey, *Daniel*, (Daniel Lacono)

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