

Brisbane inspires a freshly picked art exhibition of timeless floral muses

Still life takes on new life at Museum of Brisbane.



monica rohan hoped you wouldn't notice 2017 oil on board 80x61cm

Rearranged: Art of the Flower exhibition at Museum of Brisbane (MoB) gathers a lush contemporary collection of works inspired by floral motifs, spanning myriad mediums and varied viewpoints that capture the contextual landscape of Brisbane.

Rearranged: Art of the Flower will feature more than 20 established and emerging local artists who reimagine and reframe the ever-popular subject in paintings, textiles, sculptures, ceramics and new media.

This also includes the diverse perspectives of queer, multicultural and First Nations creatives, highlighting the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities to Country and universal interest in the flower.

Step into a classic Queenslander room to view a salon in full bloom featuring evocative works by renowned artists such as **Margaret Olley, Vida Lahey, William Bustard, Tony Johnson, Frank Waldo Potts, William Grant, Tony Johnson** and **Dorothy Thornhill**, alongside local contemporaries **Michael Zavros, Keith Burt, John Honeywill, Bronwyn Searle** and **Judith Sinnamon**.

MoB visitors will also be greeted by six arresting 4m x 2m large-scale paper-arabesques adorned in flowers made from recycled garments by local artist **Karen Stone**.

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Blurring the distinction of inside and outside, museum-goers can enjoy a romp through the vivacious gardens and buzzing backyards of Brisbane as seen by visual and still-life artists

Intricate ceramic works by **Jaishree Srinivasan**, **Clairy Laurence** and **Sarah Rayner** will be on display alongside cutting-edge works by creatives including **Boneta-Marie Mabo** and **Man&Wah**.

Brisbane artists **Norton Fredericks**, **Pamela See (Xue Mei-Ling)** and **Lyndall Phelps** also contribute their boundary-breaking art to MoB's latest sumptuous showcase of natural beauty.

From classical depictions to edgy modern renderings, still-life compositions and hyper-realistic paintings are arranged with stained glass artworks, rich textiles and mixed media installations, allowing visitors to wander and explore a sensual and expressive display.

Museum of Brisbane CEO/Director Zoe Graham said the new exhibition honours our personal and universal connections to one of art's most enduring motifs.

"We are excited to bring together an incredible array of the city's finest creatives whose work spans decades and mediums," Ms Graham said.

"Rearranged: Art of the Flower" promises to not only be visually stunning but intensely evocative, connecting us deeply to memory and place."

The exhibition features 15 new acquisitions from 12 local artists across a variety of mediums, adding to MoB's collection, in a coup for the City of Brisbane.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner said the exhibition would be a fantastic opportunity to witness works from blossoming Brisbane talent.

"Our city has a strong culture and arts scene, with creatives who take inspiration from the breathtaking natural landscapes around us," Cr Schrinner said.

"This new exhibition expands our offering of free events in Brisbane and is a wonderful reflection of our subtropical climate, outdoor lifestyle and flowers that are Brisbane by nature."

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Details:

Rearranged: Art of the Flower

Saturday 25 November 2023 – Sunday 11 August 2024

Tickets: Free entry

Museum of Brisbane, Level 3, City Hall

From hyper-realistic paintings to petal-powered pottery and immersive installations, *Rearranged: Art of the Flower* is a creative celebration of Brisbane in bloom.

Interviews are available with Zoe Graham (CEO/Director) and artists on request.

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