

# ANTHONY BRESLIN

## BIOGRAPHY

Anthony's large canvases, with their dislocate structure, inevitably transport the viewer through a fantasy world where powerful and bright figurative structures, quirky collage, assorted ephemera, waggish biomorphic images and abundant colour all pulsate, intersect, cross over, reshape and gather on a visual journey, the full force of which, as with all art, may only be understood within the creative resource of the individual viewer.

To achieve this state of private intimacy it is essential to be rid of inhibition, to boldly dare and in doing so muse with the vigorous expressionist surfaces and cubist presentation that summon imaginativeness, fantasy and curiosity. Breslin's often light-hearted canvases depict worlds of pure fun and colour that are popping with explosive, ejaculatory humour and pranks. His carnival characters are noisy, hilarious grotesques, chattering to us on their way to the next circus event. The future is a rich one for this young and charismatic painter whose art form is propelled by the impulse of his own authentic life's force, revealing a freedom of expression that sheds the panoply of timorous restraint.

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"The infinite magical mysteries that make up my minutes, my hours, my daze. All the 'indescribibles' that string together to form 'reality' the word as mysterious to me as Jupiter, time, you, me, life as an Alaskan bee and the untamable liquid world contained beneath the curling glass sheeting of the deep grey endless sea. Therefore I can offer you no elucidation nor education, no resolution or clear solution. If you crave a sense of clarity, my world will only seem like a buxom calamity.

## CV

### SELECT EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *The Plight Of The Purse Fish*, traffic jam galleries, Sydney
- 2013 *Solar City Sights*, Jahroc gallery, Margaret River
- 2012 *The End of Arithmetic*, Murano and Gullotti gallery, Perth
- 2012 *Business as Usual*, Trevor Victor Harvey Fine Art, Sydney
- 2011 *Frantic Bloom*, Murano and Gullotti gallery, Perth
- 2010 *199 portraits of fruit and vegetables*, Balaclava fruit centre, St-Kilda
- 2010 *Frantic Bloom*, Greenwood gallery, South Melbourne
- 2009 *Evolution of the head*, Frankston Arts Centre, Frankston
- 2009 *Special Collection*, Yarraville Melbourne
- 2009 *Figurescope*, QV.1 Building lobby, Perth
- 2009 *The beginning of the end of something new*, Greenwood gallery, Melbourne
- 2008 *Anthony Breslin at Art Brisbane*, Brisbane convention centre, Queensland
- 2008 *Anthony Breslin at Art Brisbane*, Brisbane convention centre, Queensland
- 2008 *Anthony Breslin at Art Melbourne*, Exhibiton buildings, Melbourne
- 2007 *Anthony Breslin returns*, Art gallery collections, Queensland
- 2007 *I miss the Lighthouse too!*, Delshan Gallery, Armadale, Melbourne

2007 *Anthony Breslin at Art Melbourne*, Art Gallery collections stand, Melbourne

2007 *Anthony Breslin*, Trevor Victor Harvey Fine Art, Seaforth Sydney.

2006 *Trybe the exhibition!*, Victoria Gallery, Docklands

2006 *Anthony Breslin at Manyung*, Manyung Gallery Mt Eliza, Victoria

2006 *Anthony Breslin Exclusive exhibition*, Art Gallery Collections Coll. Surfers P, Queensland

2006 *Anthony Breslin at Art Melbourne*, Art Gallery Coll, Gold Coast

2006 *Anthony Breslin*, Trevor Victor Harvey Fine Art, Seaforth

2006 *Art for Everyone, life for all*, A live exhibition, Myers Bourke St windows, Melbourne

2005 *Operatica*, The new Gullotti Gallery Perth

2005 *Anthony Breslin at the Brisbane art fair*, solo with Art Gallery col, Queensland

2005 *New Works*, Gallery TenEleven, Armadale, Melbourne

2005 Featured at *Art Sydney*, by Art Gallery Collections, Gold Coast

2005 *Eclectica P1*, Le Siants Galerie, Prague, Czech Republic

2005 *Eclectica P2*, Le Siants Galerie, Barcelona, Spain

2005 Anthony Breslin at the Affordable Art Fair, Melbourne

2005 *The Bug Series*, St-Kilda Writers Festival, St-Kilda Town hall, Melbourne.

2005 *Troubadour*, Manyung Gallery, Mount Eliza, Victoria

2004 *Frantic Bloom 2*, Zurich International Art Fair, Switzerland

2004 *Frantic Bloom*, Gallery TenEleven, Armadale, Melbourne

2004 *Pablo*, Yarra sculpture gallery, Abbotsford, Melbourne

2004 *Anthony Breslin at the Affordable Art Fair*, Melbourne Exhibition buildings

2004 *A Night and Day In Orbit*, Rushcutters Bay Gallery, Sydney

2004 *Urban Snatch*, Melbourne Design Fashion Incubator-Fashion Festival, Melbourne

2003 *Frogs*, Exhibition of frog paintings, Melbourne Zoo

2003 *Conglomeration*, Elliot's hair studio, Toorak, Melbourne

2002 *Conversations*, Gallery 5-opt Princess Terrace, Hong Kong

2002 *Imaginary Friends*, The Patrizia Autore Gallery, Stkilda, Melbourne

2002 *Collection*, An Exhibition at Elliots, Toorak, Melbourne

2002 *Juxtapositions*, The Jackman Gallery, Stkilda, Melbourne

2001 *The Pretty Pouting of Peruvian Purse fish*, Artefacts Inter, Melbourne

2001 *The Journey of my Jellyfish*, Bulle Gallery, Flinders St, Melbourne

1999 *Clive Potter: POET! 'A Theatrical Installation'*, Theatreworks, St Kilda

1998 *To be or not to be in 2D*, The Lounge, Melbourne

## SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2008 Finalist of Signature of Melbourne Art Prize, Central pier venue Docklands, Melbourne

2008 *Art Sydney*, Art Gallery Collections, Fox Studios, Sydney

2008 *Contemporary Show*, Ronald Coles Investment Art, Kenthurst

2007 *Gifts*, Studio 717 Gallery, Brooklyn, New York

2007 Art Gallery Collections Stand, Art Sydney, Fox Studios

2007 *Modern Contemporary Works*, Manyung Gallery, Victoria

2006 *Coathangers*, In Conjunction with C.W.C.A

- 2006** Nov "Coathangers" In conj with C.W.C.A Shep Art Gallery. Shep. Vic.
- 2006** Oct "Coathangers" In conj with C.W.C.A Yarra sculpture gallery, Rich. Melb.
- 2006** Jun Art Sydney- Fox studios-Sydney featured by Art Gallery Collections, Qld.
- 2005** Dec "The Christmas show" Bloxham Galleries, London.
- 2005** Nov "Balmain Art Show" Balmain, N.S.W. Aust.
- 2005** Oct London Affordable Art Show, with Bloxham galleries, London.
- 2005** Oct "Face Off" Port Art Gallery, Port Melbourne, Melb, Aust.
- 2005** Sep "Outback at Manyung" Manyung Gallery, Mt. Eliza, Vic. Aust.
- 2004** Nov "Bug Series" shown with Galerie Le Siants, Czech. At the Irish Art Fair.
- 2004** Oct "Port Art Prize Show" Melbourne, Australia.
- 2004** July Sydney Affordable Art Fair-with Rushcutters Bay Gallery
- 2004** Feb "New works" Rushcutters Bay Gallery, Sydney.
- 2003** Dec "The Blue show" Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Melb.
- 2003** Oct "Mind-a-maze" Warehouse E2E4 Melbourne fringe fest. Nth Melb.
- 2003** July "The Urban Show" Jackman Gallery, Stkilda, Melb.
- 2003** Apr "Wyndenham Art finalists show" Werribee Arts Centre, Vic, Aust.
- 2003** Jan "New Works" Rush cutters Bay Gallery, Sydney, Aust.
- 2002** Dec "The Black and White Show" The Jackman Gallery, Stkilda, Melb.
- 2002** Sep "5 on 5 show" 5 OPT Gallery ,Princes Terrace, Hong Kong.
- 2002** July "Group Show" Mira Gallery, Flinders St. Melb.
- 2002** Jun "The R-rated show" The Jackman Gallery, St Kilda, Melb
- 2001** Dec "Christmas Show" The Artshop, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2001** Dec "The Red Show" The Jackman Gallery St-Kilda, Melb.
- 2001** Nov "St Kilda life" finalists exhibition, Wilson Pride, St-Kilda.Melb.
- 2000** Oct "Three" Modern Art Gallery Café Group Show, Stkilda, Melb.
- 2000** Jul "Emerging Artists Exhibition", Ardwolf Gallery, Melb.
- 2000** Mar "Emerging Artists Exhibition", Bulle Galleries, Melb.
- 1999** Nov "RMIT Graduation Show", RMIT University, Melb.
- 1999** Apr "Vic. Sculpture Assoc. Show", Melb. Flower Show, Exhib. Buildings, Melb.
- 1998** Jun "Victorian Sculpture Association Show", Telstra Building, Melb.
- 1998** Feb "Ficifolia Art Show", Drouin, Victoria
- 1997** Sep "Robert Fischers' Australian Tour, Fad Gallery, Melb.
- 1997** Oct "Racing Victoria's' Spring Carnival, Myers Window, Bourke St, Melb.
- 1995** Feb "Ficifolia Art Show, Drouin, Victoria.
- 1995** Jun "International Opening Exhibition, Stone Heritage Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe.

## **EDUCATION**

- 1999** Bachelor of Fine Art, RMIT University, Melbourne
- 1997** American Art lecture series, RMIT, New York, USA
- 1995** Workshops in Shona Sculpture, Stone Heritage Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 1993** Performing Shakespeare, Beverley Philips Tuition, Melbourne
- 1992** Acting for Camera, Armstrong Production, Melbourne
- 1992** Design, Performance, Music, Oxford Children's Theatre, Box Hill
- 1985** T.O.P Art & Design, Huntingdale Technical College

## **RESIDENCIES**

- 2007** Oct- Jan 08 Point b studios Williamsburg, New York

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

## **GROUP SHOWS**

### **Corporate Commissions/Collections**

- 2008** Dec Luna Park, Melbourne, Aust.
- 2008** Jan Digital Force, Broadway, New York, United States.
- 2007** Nov Zhejiang Everflourish Electrical Co.Ltd Shanghai, China
- 2006** Mar Masada Hospital – Caulfield, Melb. Aust.
- 2004** Apr Paintings-Third Earth cocktail bar Malvern.
- 2003** Nov Paintings- Artistic, Melb. Aust.
- 2003** Nov Paintings- Melbourne Zoo, Aust.
- 2003** Oct Painting- T.L.C Melb. Aust.
- 2003** Jan Paintings x 3, Opal Cars, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2002** Oct Painting. Langwarrin sports medical centre, Langwarrin.
- 2002** Jun Mural-painting, Café Vous, St-kilda East, Melbourne.
- 2002** Apr Outdoor rave design for feature film, One perfect day, Lightstream Films
- 2002** Mar Installation" QBH nightclub-feature Film"One Perfect day Lightstream Films.
- 2002** Feb Mural, St Kilda Inn Hotel, St Kilda, Melb.
- 2002** Oct Painting – featured rock video clip – "20 years", Something for Kate.
- 2001** Oct Painting – Bella Blooms Holistic Health Centre, Armadale, Melbourne
- 2001** Jun Painting – featured rock video clip – "Truly",Angelfish.
- 2001** Jan Painting – One plus One Business Consultants, Malvern, Melbourne
- 2000** Jul Painting - Bella Blooms Holistic Health, Armadale, Melbourne
- 2000** Jun Set design & Construction-Beaumaris Theatre Co, Melb.

- 2000** Mar Mural, Daily Planet, Elsternwick, Melb.
- 1999** Jan Production Design & Construction-Jack of all Trades Theatre Co. Melb.
- 1998** Aug Out door Sculpture- Parkdale Secondary College, Melb.
- 1998** Mar Sculptures – Wax Studios, Richmond
- 1997** Sep Painting for Window Exhibition, Vic. Racing Com. & Myers, Melb.
- 1997 Jun Permanent Installation – Private Residency, St Kilda, Melbourne
- 1995** Feb Mural (outdoor) – Wax Studios, Richmond
- 1995** Jan Mural- Cloudbreak Hotel, Capetown, Sth. Africa.
- 1992** Dec Scenic Art – Seneca Productions, Melbourne

### **Organization/ Selected Private Collections**

- 2007** Nov Shanghai Barseel Art Centre collection, Shanghai, China.
- 2007** Nov Louis Gao, collection Ningbo. China
- 2007 Feb Art Gallery Collections, Gold Coast, Qld
- 2006** May Sarchi Property Developments, Melb. Aust
- 2006** Mar Trevor Victor Harvey collection
- 2005** Feb Rick Allert, Chairman Coles Myer, Australia
- 2004** Nov Vernissage Art Magazine, Vienna, Austria
- 2004** Jun Ken Bruce, furniture entrepreneur/personality
- 04 & 06** Apr The Honorable Paul Guest. Private collection
- 2003** Nov Tender Loving Care, Melb. Aust
- 2003** Oct The French Corner, Kew, Melb. Aust
- 2003** Mar Southern Media Group, Melb. Aust
- 2002** Sep Elliots, Toorak, Melb
- 2000** Mar Julian Burnside Q.C private Collection, Melb
- 2000** Mar Artward Bound, Melb
- 2001** Feb Artward Bound, Melb
- 1997** Oct Myer, Melb

### **Art Prizes**

- 2008** Nov Top 12 Finalist Signature of Melbourne art prize. Melb. Aust.
- 2007** Nov Winner emerg. Invitation- international artists exhib. Asia/Pacific region Shanghai Art Fair China.
- 2007** Oct Selected for invitation exhibit at Shanghai Art Fair- Artist of Now!
- 2004** Sep Winner, Port Art Prize, Melbourne.
- 2005** Jun Winner, Port Art Prize, Melbourne, People's Choice Award

## Gallery Collections

- 2008** Feb "Trybe an opera in paint" dvd in NGV collection melbourne.
- 2006** Apr Trevor Victor Harvey Fine Art Gallery, Sydney.
- 2004** Oct The Art Factory, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- 2003** Nov Jackman Gallery, Melb. Aust.
- 2002** Nov Artefacts International, Melb, Aust.
- 2001** Feb The Art Collection Centre Co, Klongtoey, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2002** Oct The Art Gallery Café, Dalat. Vietnam.
- 1995** Jun Stone Heritage Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe

## Publications

- 2008** Jun "Melbourne the essence" Melb. Leader, Photo and ed. With sporting great Ron Barrassi
- 2008** Jun "An Amorosi Christmas" City weekly photo and ed. With singer Vanessa Amorosi
- 2007** Aug "Anthony Breslin exhibition" Gold coast Bulletin magazine- pics and ed.
- 2007** Aug "Trybe" Goald coast life weekly" Story and pics.
- 2007** Aug "Breslin art exhibition!" Brisbane mail- events & people- pics and ed.
- 2007** Jul "Anthony Breslin" Art & Antiques Editorial & pictures.
- 2007** Apr "Don't Miss Anthony Breslin!" Madison Magazine, Pic & Info.
- 2007** Apr "Distinct palette colors a life less ordinary" Feature story & pic the Age Metro.
- 2007** Feb "Anthony Breslin" international Gold coast leisure mag. Feature- Pic and story
- 2006** Nov "Art lives and grows" City Weekly Ed and Pic.
- 2006** Nov "Trybal influence paints an opera with a difference" MX Feature Ed and Pic.
- 2006** Nov "View" The Good Weekend, The Age. Pic and ed in whats on
- 2006** Nov "Must do!" "Boom crash opera!" Sunday Mag Herald Sun. pic and details.
- 2006** Jun "Lights, Camera, Art!" Feature editorial. The Gold Coast Bulletin.
- 2006** Jun "Out and About" Photo Editorial. Tuesday Magazine-The Gold Coast Bulletin.
- 2006** Jun "Anthony Breslin set to dazzle to gold coast" Label mag. Feature article.
- 2006** Jan "Buy your fresh from the artists window" MX Melb. Photo Ed.
- 2005** Oct "Artist with a mission" Front cover picture and editorial Melb. Leader.
- 2005** Aug "Art and Antiques" QLD edition-article/editorial.
- 2005** Aug Sydney Telegraph- photo/editorial
- 2005** Aug "Art and Antiques" N.S.W edition- feature article & pictorial.
- 2005** May "Artist Profile-Anthony Breslin- Feature Article & Pics. Art & Antiques, Syd, Aust.
- 2005** May "Melb Affordable Art Show" Feature Article & Pictures-Vernissage mag- Austria.
- 2005** Apr "The price of good Art" Melb. Weekly- Photo & Article.
- 2005** Apr "Hang the Expense" Photo and article-Feature story-(Metro)-The Age.
- 2005** Mar "Art auction for charity" photo and article. Port Phillip leader.

- 2004** Oct "Artist one jump ahead" photo & article, Stonington leader.
- 2004** July "Great body of work" feature spread Herald Sun- journalist Neil Kearney.
- 2004** Apr "Whimsy in new exhibition" Images and article Sydney city times.
- 2004** Mar "Celebrating artist Anthony Breslin" Story- Images. Black and White Magazine.
- 2003** July "Hair studio the setting for new show" Port Phillip Leader. Photo and article.
- 2003** July "Art takes on a life of its own" Stonington Leader. Photo and Article.
- 2003** Jun "Snaparazzi" Herald Sun, Photos and Article.
- 2003** Feb "Pop in for Art" Herald Sun, photo.
- 2003** Feb "What's On" South China Morning Post. Quote/Article.
- 2002** Nov "Art" Article, Hong Kong Magazine, Hong Kong.
- 2002** Sep "Creative Bloke and his Imaginary Mates" Port Phillip Leader-Photo and article
- 2002** Sep "Creative Bloke and his Imaginary Mates" Glen Eira Leader-Photo and Article.
- 2002** Aug "Art amongst the curlers" Herald Sun, photo and article.
- 2002** July "The art of posing" Article and Photo. Melbourne Express
- 2002** Feb Article and photo. Port Phillip leader.
- 2002** Feb "An Artistic Oasis". Front Page-Article and photo. Glen Eira leader.
- 2001** May "An Artistic Oasis" Article and Photo-Melb. Yarra Leader,
- 2001** May "The Pretty Poutings of Peruvian Purse Fish. Article-Herald Sun, Good Weekend,
- 2000** Jan Review – Herald Sun, "Three Little Pigs"
- 1999** Sep Review – La Trobe University Magazine, "Clive Potter: POET!"
- 1999** Sep Review – Herald Sun, "Clive Potter: POET!"
- 1999** Aug Interview – Melbourne Weekly, "Clive Potter: POET!"
- 1999** Aug "Mission impossible" Interview & Photo, Beat Magazine, "Clive Potter: POET!"
- 1999** Aug "A Feast for the Senses" Front Page Article & Photo Melbourne Leader.
- 1998** Mar Review – Herald Sun, For exhibit pieces in "Beyond the Inadequate Word"
- 1998** Mar Front Page Article & Photo-Melb. Leader, "Beyond the Inadequate Word"
- 1996** Sep Photo & Article – Large Magazine, For Myers window painting launch.

### **Television Editorials/Features**

- 2008** Jun "Myer canvas perf. Painting Ron Barassi Channel 9 news story.
- 2008** Jun "Myer canvas perf. Painting Channel 10 news team, Ch.10 weekend news.
- 2008** Jun "Myer canvas perf. Painting Ron Barassi Channel 10 news story.
- 2007** Apr The Today Show channel 7 feature with Steve Jacobs.
- 2006** Jan "Art for everyone, life for all"- exhibition- story channel 9 news
- 2006** Nov The breakfast show channel 31 special live guest

### **Public Talks/Lectures**

- 2008** Sep Presented film of my opera "trybe" at Conscientia- festival, Salt Lake cit, .U.S.A
- 2007** Jul "Anthony Breslin presnts his opera "Trybe" "- Cube 37 Frankston Arts Centre
- 2005** Sep "The Artists Lounge with Anthony Breslin"- Cube 37 Frankston Arts Centre
- 2005** Apr "Arts speak with Anthony Breslin" Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton, Melb. Art Fair

## **Art Direction and Design**

### **Installation/event**

- 2007** July "Design of fruit-vegetable post box for launch of new Australian stamp on Victoria Markets, Melb.
- 2006** Nov The wedding of Greg and Susan Long, Melb.
- 2004** Mar Original Anthony Breslin ART t-shirt launch-Melb-Fash-Incubator. For Melb. Fash. Fest.
- 2004** Mar Design and installation offices/boardroom for Simple I.T. Design Co.
- 2003** Nov "Animus Day Function" art direction and art. Melbourne Zoo. Melb. Aust.
- 2003** Nov "Frog Day" Melbourne Zoo.-incl. 8 large paintings-Melb. Aust.

### **Music Video**

- 2003** Dec "Shower" Sandrine. Black Cat Prod. Melb. Aust.
- 2003** Aug "Song for a Sleepwalker" Something for Kate. Swish Prod. Melb. Aust.
- 2003** Jan "Back to You" Low Frequency Occupation. Ripple Films, Melb, Aust.
- 2002** Sep "World at my feet" Dan Greenwood. Melb. Aust.
- 2002** Aug "Maddona", The Androids.Ripple Films, Melb, Aust  
Winner of Australian Record Industry Association (ARIA) 'Best Video'
- 2002** Jul "Here Comes September" Wakiki and Ben Lee. Black Cat Prod. Melb. Aust.
- 2002** Jun "Dirty Deeds" Tex Perkins and You am I. Ripple Films. Melb. Aust.
- 2001** Nov "Heaven Sent" Killing Heidi, Ripple films Melb, Aust.
- 2001** Sep "20 years" Something for Kate. Ripple Films. Melb. Aust.
- 2001** Feb "Take me Away". Lash. Ripple Films. Melb. Aust.
- 2001** Jan "Secret agent man" The Superjesus. Ripple Films. Melb. Aust.
- 2001** Jan "Get Up", You am I. Ripple Films, Melb. Aust.

### **Theatre**

- 2008** Mar "Lovers and Haters" Adelaide Festival, Norwood concert hall. Adelaide Australia.
- 2007** Feb "The Object of Desire" La Mama, Carlton. Melbourne
- 2005** Jun "Homme Fatale" Fly on Wall Prod.-Pleasance Theatre, London, U.K.
- 2005** Jun "Fresh Pleasures" Fly on Wall Prod.-Pleasance Theatre, London, U.K.
- 2004** Jul "The Lost" Chapel off Chapel. Performing Arts Projects. Melb.



- 2004** Feb "1001 Night Stands" Midsummer Festival, Theatreworks, Melb.
- 2004** Feb "Home Fatal" Midsummer Festival Theatreworks, Melb.
- 2003** Aug "The Edge of Zero" Browns mart theatre. Darwin, Northern Territory, Aust.
- 2003** May "The War against Short Trousers" Chapel off Chapel, Melb. Aust.
- 2000** Jun "Skylight" Beaumauris Theatre Co. Melb. Aust.
- 2000** Jan "The Three Little Pigs" Jack of all Trade Prod. Melb Aust.
- 1994** Aug "The three Musketeers" Seneca Productions. Melb. Aust.

#### **TV/Film**

- 2007** Feb Animation for documentary "Fearless" Screened at A.C.A Fed, Sq. Melb.
  - 2006** Apr "Yellow glen TV commercial- art direction & design
  - 2004** Jan "My Sister" Elizabeth Green Prod. V.C.A Melb. Aust.
  - 2002** Jun "Behave" (short film). Ripple Films. Melb .Aust.
  - 2003** Mar "One Perfect Day" Feature Film. Lightstream Films. Melb Aust.
- Nominated for Australian Film Institute (AFI) Award for Best Art Direction