

An abstract painting by David Ralph, featuring a complex composition of layered, textured brushstrokes. The color palette is dominated by earthy tones like ochre, sienna, and dark brown, with vibrant accents of red, yellow, and green. The foreground shows a dark, greenish-blue area with a white, curved shape, possibly a face or a mask, partially obscured by other forms. The background is a mix of dark, moody tones and lighter, more textured areas, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The overall style is expressive and gestural, with visible brushwork and a rich, tactile quality.

# DAVID RALPH AMPLIFYING SILENCE

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Gallery 9 is pleased to present a new series of paintings by Leipzig based Australian artist David Ralph.

While mostly devoid of people, Ralph's interiors are deeply contemplative and full of personality. They become portraits of their inhabitants: clues emanate from their possessions in lieu of the sitter. When figures do appear, they are "part of the woodwork, ingrained or almost camouflaged like an animal in a rainforest".

David Ralph holds a Master of Fine Arts from the Victorian College of the Arts and an MA (Fine Art) from the Chelsea College of Art and Design in London. Since the early 2000s Ralph has held solo exhibitions in Melbourne, Sydney, and London, and featured in curated group exhibitions in Australia, Germany, New York, London and Paris. He is a former Sulman Prize finalist and recipient of the Anne and Gordon Samstag International Visual Arts Scholarship. In 2013 Ralph was the recipient of the Australia Council, Visual Arts Board skills and arts development grant, which allowed him to undertake the LIA Leipzig International Art Program in Germany.

Ralph is represented in numerous collections including the Fondation D'Art Contemporain Daniel & Florence Guerlain (Paris), British Airways Collection, National Gallery of Victoria, Artbank, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Warrnambool Regional Art Gallery, Victorian College of the Arts, Port Philip City Council, City of Yarra Council and the RACV.

*Amplifying Silence* is Ralph's third solo exhibition at Gallery 9.

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*Guardian Angel* 2018  
oil on canvas  
40 x 40 cm  
SOLD



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*Undertone* 2018  
oil on canvas  
40 x 40 cm  
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*4 minutes, 33 seconds* 2018  
oil on canvas  
40 x 40 cm  
\$3,000



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*Eclipse* 2018  
oil on canvas  
72 x 63 cm  
\$5,000



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*Uncertain Future* 2018  
oil on canvas  
72 x 63 cm  
\$5,000



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*Elevation* 2018  
oil on canvas  
72 x 63 cm  
\$5,000



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*Open Heart* 2018  
oil on canvas  
170 x 150 cm  
\$12,000

# DAVID RALPH CV

Born Warrnambool, Victoria  
Lives and works in Leipzig, Germany

- 2001 MA Fine Art, Painting, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London
- 1999 Master of Fine Art (research) Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Absent Presence*, Gallery 9, Sydney
- 2014 *Commune*, Gallery 9, Sydney
- 2013 *Dissolve*, Fehily Contemporary, Melbourne
- 2010 *Threshold*, Block Projects, Melbourne
- Salvage*, Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 *Extensions*, ARC one Gallery, Melbourne
- Survey- recent work 03-09*, 17th Floor Artspace, Victoria University, Melbourne
- 2008 *In Captivity*, ARC one Gallery, Melbourne
- 2007 *City Limits*, Warrnambool Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2006 *Mobile Home*, ARC one Gallery, Melbourne
- 2004 *Escapeland*, ARC one Gallery, Melbourne
- 2003 *Night Vision*, ARC one Gallery, Melbourne
- 2002 *Virtually Real*, Attendi Gallery London
- 2000 *Interior Telescope – Transitional Space*, Robert Lindsay Gallery, Melbourne

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Hyper hyper*, Michael Reid Berlin, Berlin
- 2016 *Plateau Visionen*, Australian Embassy, Berlin
- 2014 *Out of This World*, Salve Gallery, Gohliser Schlösschen, Leipzig, Germany
- Time Travel*, Leipzig International Art project (LIA), Leipzig, Germany
- ASTEROID* Leipzig International Art project (LIA), Leipzig, Germany
- 2013 *Space for Change*, Leipzig International Art project (LIA), Leipzig, Germany
- Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2011 Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
- The Albany Art Prize, Albany Art Gallery, Western Australia
- 2010 Fletcher Jones Art Prize, Geelong Gallery, Victoria
- RBS Artists Award, Renzo Piano RBS Tower, Sydney
- Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2009 *Frieze Projects*, Open Call, Arte Contempo, Lisbon, Portugal, Frieze Art Fair, London
- The Shilo Project*, The Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne
- Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery,

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- The Gulag*, Counihan Gallery, Melbourne
- 2008 MacArthur Cook Contemporary Art Prize
- 2007 Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery
- 2006 Celeste Contemporary Art Prize, The Well, Old Truman Brewery, London
- Conrad Jupiter's Contemporary Art Prize, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Queensland
- Alice Prize, Alice Springs Art Gallery, Northern Territory
- 2005 *This Urban World*, National Touring Exhibition, Devonport Regional Gallery, Tasmania
- Arte Fiera Bologna, Italy, James Colman Gallery, London
- Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2004 *East End Academy*, Whitechapel Gallery, London
- The Fletcher Jones Contemporary Art Prize, Geelong Art Gallery, Victoria
- 2003 *1,000 Drawings*, Artists Space, New York. USA
- Amplifying Silence / Magnifying Stillness*, Fondation D'Art Contemporain Daniel & Florence Guerlain, Paris, France
- Art Frankfurt, Germany, James Colman Gallery, London
- The Commonwealth Exhibition for HM Queen Elizabeth, London House, London, UK

## GRANTS / AWARDS / PRIZES

- 2013 Australia Council, Visual Arts Board - Skills and Arts Development Grant
- Residency - LIA Leipzig International Art Programme, Leipzig, Germany
- 2009 Commonwealth Government, Aus Co., Visual Arts and Crafts Board, New Work Grant
- 2003 London Arts, Visual Artists Fund Grant
- 2002 Commonwealth Government, Aus Co. Visual Arts and Crafts Board, New Work Grant
- 2000 Anne and Gordon Samstag International Visual Arts Scholarship
- 1999 Conrad Jupiter's Contemporary Art Prize

## COLLECTIONS

- RACV, Melbourne
- BHP Billiton, Australia
- Fondation D'Art Contemporain Daniel & Florence Guerlain, Paris
- British Airways Collection, UK
- National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Queensland
- Warrnambool Regional Art Gallery, Victoria
- Artbank, Australia
- Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne
- Port Philip City Council, City of Yarra Council

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