

# Monica Batiste

## Artist



**Monica Batiste** is an emerging artist, working with oils on canvas, plus pencil and gauche on paper. She leans towards traditional and expressionistic genre's to inform the viewer of the changing nature of how we view the world. Her intention is to challenge preconceived notions and open the viewers mind to the possibilities of who we are, or what we can become.

### Education

Art studies at Penrith TAFE; City Art Institute (Sydney); The Arts Academy (Brisbane); Atelier Art College (Brisbane)

### Achievements and Exhibitions

**2016** Exhibition with *Redraku* in the *Redcliffe Cultural Centre*. Finalist *Rotary Art Spectacular*; Finalist at *Moreton Bay Innovation Awards*

**2015** Illustrated wrote and published 3 eBooks; Painted several portraits now hanging in private collections

**2014** Solo exhibition in the foyer of the Redcliffe Art Gallery; Exhibition in the foyer of the Redcliffe Art Gallery partnering with Shaun Tan (artist and author) in the main gallery; Solo exhibitions at several Moreton Bay regional libraries ; Solo exhibition at Noosa library; Group exhibition with Atelier Art College. Illustrator and author for *Yoga for Little Bears* (published 2014). *Yoga Bear* received a favourable review in *Teachers Curriculum*, in *Australian Yoga Journal*. Several local media publications on Monica's work

**2013** Established *Monica's Art Gallery*, which opens by appointment, and exhibits the work of 3 artists including Monica Batiste, Mikhala Batiste and Arna Baartz

**2012** Interview on Radio station 99.7FM about Monica's arts practice; Art work and articles published in *Yoga Diary* (2012)

**2011** Illustrated children's books

**2010** Exhibited with Artists Afloat on *Lickety Split Caterman*, at Redcliffe pier  
Finalist in Zonta art exhibition

**2008** Art teacher for school students, Strathpine; Set intentions for the future of her arts practise - Oil painting figurative and portraiture; traditional style and Illustration in graphite, pencil and ink for graphic novels and children's books

**2007** Highest achievement award at Balmoral Art College; Exhibition with Balmoral Art College

**1996-2006** Commercial artist for *Kinda Dance* (children's educator)

**1996** Illustrated several children's books

**1989 -1991** Gave birth to lovely daughters which slowed down her practise for a number of years

**1983-85** Prolific artist, including traveling east coast of Australia with arts practise

**1982** Accepted into City Art Institute from 800 applicants (80 placements)

**1981** Visual arts diploma from Penrith TAFE