

# NATASHA RUSCHKA - Artist Biography

Natasha is an emerging artist based in Brisbane Qld. Her studio is nestled in a hilly rural suburb west of the city. Apart from her husband and 3 children she is also joined by her menagerie of animals.

Her passion for painting started when she moved to Colorado USA in 2016 and immersed herself in the Denver Art Community. She learnt to paint oils in the “alla prima” style in one sitting and enjoys producing fresh, loose, and visible brush strokes that give the work a playful, painterly energy. She is drawn to the light and shadow in a composition and enjoys recreating its atmospheric effects in her paintings whether it be still life, flowers or landscapes.

Since returning to Australia the landscapes and native flora and fauna of her homeland has been her recent inspiration.



## Prizes and Recognition

2022 – Major Award Winner – Plein Air Down Under, WA  
2022 – Finalist - Clayton Utz Art Awards  
2022 – Finalist – The Doyles Art Awards  
2022 – Commended – Lethbridge Small Scale Art Awards  
2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Aspects Art Show Goondooindi – New Exhibitor Category  
2022 – Finalist – FACETS of Fairholme - Toowoomba

2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Brookfield Art Show – First Prize for Oils Category  
2021 – Finalist – Lethbridge 20000 – Small Scale Art Awards

2020 - Finalist - “Wandering with the Wild”, Aspire Gallery, Red Hill, Brisbane  
2020 - Finalist - “100 Artworks for a Koala” - International Exhibition  
2020 – Strada Easel – 30 Days painting from Life Everyday, Online Challenge

2019 - Strada Easel - 30 Days painting from Life Everyday, Online Challenge  
2018 - Strada Easel - 30 Days painting from Life Everyday, Online Challenge

## Participation in Exhibitions and Events

2022  
Art for Floods Fundraiser  
Brisbane Grammar Art Show  
The Tower Art Show  
Toowoomba Grammar Art Show

2021  
The Tower Art Show  
Toowoomba Grammar Art Show  
Group Show – “A Winter’s Walk”, Wild Canary Bistro  
First Solo Show – Wild Canary Bistro

2020  
Featured Artist - Art West Community Gallery  
Exhibition, Mt Ommaney Brisbane  
Art for Bushfire Relief - Online Auction

2019  
Art for Bales, Online Auction  
Art West Community Gallery Exhibition, Mt Ommaney  
Brisbane  
Park Hill Art Association- Spring Show, Denver, Colorado

2018  
PACE, Plein Air Convention, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Park Hill Art Association- Fall Show, Denver, Colorado  
Park Hill Art Association - Spring Show, Denver, Colorado