

About the Paintings

Cubey's paintings have always been physical, tangible, very much *manmade* objects.

This has been a constant as he has moved from an early pacific-infused constructivist approach to making paintings into hints of figurative form seen through an intuitive expressive formalism, and now hovers in a restless space between narrative and object: not comfortable in just one place, needing both.

Lush or roughly worked surfaces often give way to darker hidden menaces beneath and reveal glimpses of stories partially told; half remembered, half forgotten. The confusion and contradiction is embraced and acknowledged.

Michael uses oil paint with a host of overglazes and varnishes, on a range of supports ranging from stretched canvas to flattened out used paint tubes, the old studio chair...adding in what's needed and cutting out what's not.

Michael Cubey

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1986 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1988 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1990 Delia Grace Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1992 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1993 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Islington Arts Factory, London
- 1994 Beatty Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 1995 Beatty Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1997 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
This Thing About Paint, Cable St Gallery, London
- 1998 Brian Queenin Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2000 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2002 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2004 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2006 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2008 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1985 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1986 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1987 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1988 Goodman Suter Biennale, Nelson, New Zealand
- 1989 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1991 South Bank Picture Show, Royal Festival Hall, London
- 1992 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Art For Sale [in conjunction with "The Guardian", London
Beardsmore Gallery, London
- 1993 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
L'Escargot Restaurant / X.O Gallery, London
- 1994 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Beatty Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Cable Street Open Studios, London
Wellington City Art Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Beardsmore Gallery, London
- 1995 ART '95, London Beardsmore Gallery,
London Royal Overseas League, London [winner of overseas prize]
Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1996 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Cable Street Open Studios, London
- 1997 Brooker Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Cable Street Open Studios, London
- 1998 Cable Street Open Studios, London
- 1999 Upstairs at the Clerk's House, London 1
Idiom Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1999 Cable Street Open Studios, London
- 2000 Cable St Studios, London
- 2000 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2002 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2003 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2004 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2007 Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand