



Above: *Eastern View* 2016, oil on canvas

Halcyon Days

An Exhibition of works by Steve Salo

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STEVE SALO: HALCYON DAYS

Halcyon Days takes us on an exploration of the coastal landscape as seen through the eyes of Geelong based painter Steve Salo. In this series of works, drawn largely from memory, Steve recalls those places from which feelings of freedom, wonder and a deep sense of connection to the natural world are mixed with recollections of childhood riverside adventures and day trips down to the coast. Hoping to share his sense of continuity and connectedness to place, Steve reflects “It is my hope that these works will provide moments of solace to patients, staff and visitors to the hospital and that they’ll reconnect to their own memories of being in places they love.”

Steve Salo showed a natural talent for painting at a young age. He received his first oil paints at the age of 8 and began to experiment with various styles and subject matter by observing the works of artistic masters found within art books. This self-education fueled his passion for art and led to enrolment at the Geelong Fine Art School in 1989 and the Gordon Institute in 1990 but Steve describes himself as largely self-taught. Today, his profile as a contemporary artist

continues to grow with paintings shortlisted in numerous prestigious prizes across Australia. In 2016 Steve was a finalist in the Salon des Refusés at the National Trust S.H. Ervin Gallery in Sydney; awarded the Len Fox Painting Award at Castlemaine Art Gallery; commended for the Kogarah Art Prize; awarded the Waverley Art Prize and the Korea-Australia Arts Foundation Art Prize

Later this year Steve will take up an artist residency in Finland to be followed by an exhibition at the Embassy of Finland in Canberra. He will also undertake a residency at the Mornington Peninsula Shire’s Police Point Artist in Residence Program, based at the historic gatekeeper’s cottage at Portsea.

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