



Artist, Emma Stuart with a painting from her series, Walking Bainggug, courtesy of the artist.

## HAMILTON GALLERY HOSTS OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP IN HAMILTON BOTANIC GARDENS WITH AWARD-WINNING ARTIST

Hamilton gallery will soon welcome esteemed artist, Emma Stuart to host a special summer oil painting class amidst the Hamilton Botanic Gardens.

On Saturday 13 January, beginners through to experienced artists will paint en plein air (out in nature) in one of Victoria's most outstanding regional civic gardens.

Having practiced in Berlin (Germany), Naarm (Melbourne), and Mparntwe (Alice Springs), Emma Stuart now resides in Gariwerd (Grampians National Park).

An award-winning illustrator as well as an exhibiting artist, Emma Stuart has a deep sense of connection and love for Australian landscapes, choosing to make it the central subject of her painting practice.

"Nature is always my driving inspiration. This workshop will have a particular focus on trees, since I'm fascinated by their textures and idiosyncrasies," said the artist.

"Creating amidst such beautiful, tranquil surrounds in this relaxed afternoon workshop will be something special, and open to anyone. It will be great to have a mix of beginners, students, amateur painters, and artists participate. Having only recently moved to the area, I'm also really looking forward to making connections and meeting other artists".

Emma will guide participants through creating an oil painting of an intimate scape, using supplied materials and learning artistic techniques to create a unique artwork on canvas board.

Tickets are \$75 including all materials, light refreshments and entry to the *Emerging From Darkness* exhibition currently showing at Hamilton Gallery.

The workshop is one of many opportunities for visitors and residents alike to get creative and engage with Hamilton Gallery this summer, with the coming weeks also playing host to a Gunditjmara Yarn, NGV Kids on Tour workshops, and musical concerts amongst other events.

To see what's on and to book, visit the Hamilton Gallery website; hamiltongallery.org.

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Workshop: En Plein Air Oil Painting
Sat 13th Jan 2024, 1:00 pm - 3:00
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## **ABOUT HAMILTON GALLERY:**

Hamilton Gallery is a public art gallery located in the city of Hamilton in South West Victoria. It was opened in 1961, following a generous act of local philanthropy, with a donation of 781 works of art. This gift provided the foundation and inspiration of today's collection, now numbering over 9,000 objects with unique strengths in Decorative Arts, European, Australian, Chinese and Japanese Art. Visitors can discover touring exhibitions, curated highlights from the permanent collection and engaging public programs and events alongside a unique Design Store.

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