

## CV, Mark Stuart

Born in Melbourne in 1956, Mark Stuart moved to Sydney in 1978 determined to be a sculptor. He became associated with the leading Sydney artists of the time, using Brett Whiteley's studio in Waverton for a year and purchasing Joel Ellenberg's sculpting tools. In 1983, on the advice of Ellenberg, Stuart moved to Carrara, Italy, to carve monumental sculptures by hand. Carrara was the centre of marble sculpture in Europe and laid the foundation for acquiring timeless techniques and a European sensibility towards the beauty of marble.

Later, his practice came to include painting as a reaction against the quasi-industrial processes of sculpting. His paintings emerge from his actual experience of the tangible world. They are 'avatars' in the sense that they are the physical manifestation of the landscape in his mind, his 'inscapes'. Both colour and structure are instrumental in achieving this translation. Embodying strong and vibrant senses of energy and space.

Mark Stuart lived in France for thirty years and has exhibited widely in France, Italy, America and the United Kingdom. His work is in numerous important private collections and he was a finalist in the 1992 Wynne Prize. He returned to live in Australia in 2014.

### **Select solo exhibitions:**

2023 Cube Gallery, Frankston Arts Centre  
2014 Bright Space Gallery, Melbourne  
2013 Gallery Indigo, Uzes, France  
2003 Stephen Lacy Gallery, London, UK  
1994 Marisa del Rey Gallery, Paris, France  
1989 Australian Embassy, Paris, France  
1980 Rex Irwin Gallery, Sydney, Australia  
1972 Ampol Gallery, Melbourne, Australia

### **Select group exhibitions:**

1997 VI Sculpture Biennale, Monaco  
1994 Art on the Beach, Enrico Navarra Gallery, Ramatuelle, France  
1993 IV Sculpture Biennale, Monaco

### **Awards:**

1992 Finalist, Wynne Prize, AGNSW, Australia

### **Private collections:**

Hotel Les Bains-Douche, Paris  
John Illsley Collection (Dire Straits), London  
Rausing Family Collection, London and Barbados  
Vilgrain Family Collection, Paris  
Shaw Family Collection, Melbourne

### **Commissions:**

Somdiaa Collection, Paris, France  
Rausing Family Collection, London and Barbados