

LONE GOAT GALLERY

COLLEEN DaROSA

LUMINOUS

APRIL 26 – MAY 15 2019

OPENING 6 PM – 8 PM FRIDAY APRIL 26 2019

Lone Goat Gallery - 28 Lawson St, Byron Bay NSW 2481

Luminous at Lone Goat Gallery celebrates the study of light by local artist Colleen DaRosa. Her work in encaustic, Plexiglas and with paper offer a palpable experience of light at play.

DaRosa's paintings highlight the translucence and lustrous quality of encaustic medium. Her Plexiglas sculptures exhibit radiant surfaces, glowing spaces and sharp edges. Lustrous reflections and variation in transparency and opacity capture and confound light's pathways. At night, these works operate as glowing objects of dynamic colour when lit by LED lights.

You may discern the Nordic aesthetic in *Luminous*. DaRosa's motifs and architectonic devices echo the way in which the glow of light and natural forms seep into the fabric of Nordic design and architecture.

Ella Dreyfus of the National Art School has described DaRosa's surfaces as 'luminous and luscious...moments of saturated colour contrast with the absence of weight and the presence of light.'

DaRosa's light box series, *Light Confections*, are installed above The Coffee Grinder (in Lateen laneway near St. Elmo's). The 'Light Pools' series, which forms part of her new *Luminous* exhibition, relates to a similar thematic, but here she seeks to amplify the presence of ambient light. In her relief paper sculptures the encaustic-saturation allows light to penetrate into pools of colour.

Come celebrate the opening of *Luminous* at Byron Bay's Lone Goat Gallery on Friday 26 April at 6pm – 8pm.

Exhibition runs from 26 April to 15 May.

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BIO

Colleen DaRosa

Colleen DaRosa began her art career working across a range of genres. These included drawing, acrylic and oil painting, Plexiglas sculpture and portraiture.

She has been a finalist in local and national art prizes including the Northern Rivers Portrait prize and won the juried packer's prize for the 2016 Prospect Portrait Prize - Prospect Gallery, Adelaide.

Colleen reinvigorated her art practice and graduated with a Diploma of Fine Arts at TAFE in 2011. Colleen then gained first class Honours in a Bachelor of Visual Arts at Southern Cross University in 2014. During the period 2011 to 2013 she spent several summers in Scandinavia and England including study at London School of Art, Central St Martins.

Her time spent in Scandinavia has been pivotal to guiding her current practice. Light became central to her explorations in visual art. The influence of a Nordic aesthetic has influenced the motifs and architectonic devices Colleen DaRosa enlists. They often echo the way in which the glow of light and natural forms seep into the fabric of Nordic design and architecture. She prefers a minimal aesthetic and she is interested in achieving a poetic sensual expression.

Colleen employs a range of light transforming media in her investigation with light. She has been using a hand-cut paper technique with a deliberate layered construction. Colleen also works with the lustrous qualities of encaustic and light-enhancing three-dimensional works in Plexiglas.

In 2017 Colleen designed a series of light boxes commissioned for the vanguard public art project Elysium in Byron Bay. The Elysium project was initiated by Creative Road's Rebecca Townsend and designer Jane Fullerton. This laneway rejuvenation involved a unique fully curated approach.

CV Colleen DaRosa

Education - Art Related

2014	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours)	Southern Cross University
2012	Contemporary Fine Art Practice Intensive Summer School	Uni of London, School of Arts Central Saint Martins
2010	Diploma of Fine Arts	TAFE NSW

Awards and Selection

2015	Winner Packer's Prize (juried) - Prospect Portrait Prize Selected Artist - The Other Art Fair Sydney 2015 Finalist - Waverley Art Prize 2015 Selected artist - Artist in Residence (March) Tweed regional Gallery Selected as Showcase Artist for April-June - Community Centre, Byron Bay Highly Commended - Byron Bay Arts Classic
2014	First class Honours - Bachelor of Visual Arts Southern Cross University
2013	Finalist - Northern Rivers Portrait Competition
2012	Finalist - R & M McGivern National Painting Prize
2011	Finalist - Northern Rivers Portrait Competition Winner - Works on Paper Ocean Shores Art Expo Finalist - Artfelt Exhibition

Exhibitions

2018	<i>walltalk</i> exhibition Project Space. Byron School of Art. Mullumbimby
2017	<i>Slow Light...Celestial</i> . Tweed Regional Gallery. Murwillumbah <i>Light Box installation</i> . Lateen Lane for Elysium Project. Byron Bay.
2016	<i>Slow Light</i> - (solo exhibition) BSA Project Space, Mullumbimby
2015	<i>Prospect Portrait Prize</i> - Prospect Gallery, Adelaide <i>The Other Art Fair Sydney 2015</i> - Central Park, Sydney <i>Waverley Art Prize 2015</i> , Sydney <i>Artist in Residence (March/April)</i> - Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio, Tweed Regional Gallery <i>Showcase Artist</i> for April-June - Community Centre, Byron Bay <i>Byron Bay Arts Classic</i> - Community Centre, Byron Bay
2014	<i>International Slow Art Day Exhibition</i> - Art Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby <i>Group Exhibition</i> - Barebones Gallery, Bangalow <i>slow light ...a Nordic odyssey</i> - Solo Exhibition for BVA Honours Gallery 291, Lismore
2013	<i>A Geography of Light</i> - Solo Exhibition Northern Rivers Gallery, Ballina <i>CPM National Print Prize</i> - Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah <i>Northern Rivers Portrait Competition</i> - Lismore Regional Gallery
2012	<i>Byron Arts Classic</i> Community Centre, Byron Bay <i>R & M McGivern National Painting Prize</i> - Maroondah Art Gallery <i>New Works</i> - The Channon Gallery The Channon <i>Launch Exhibition</i> - Doublebassment Studios, Byron Bay
2011	<i>North Coast Arts Classic</i> - Community Centre, Byron Bay <i>Northern Rivers Portrait Competition</i> - Lismore Regional Gallery <i>CPM National Printmaking Prize</i> - Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah <i>Ocean Shores Art Expo</i> - Ocean Shores <i>SAE Art Competition</i> - Space Gallery, Lismore <i>Artfelt Exhibition</i> - Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina