



## Mike Staniford

Trees of Light august 11 - 24, 2022



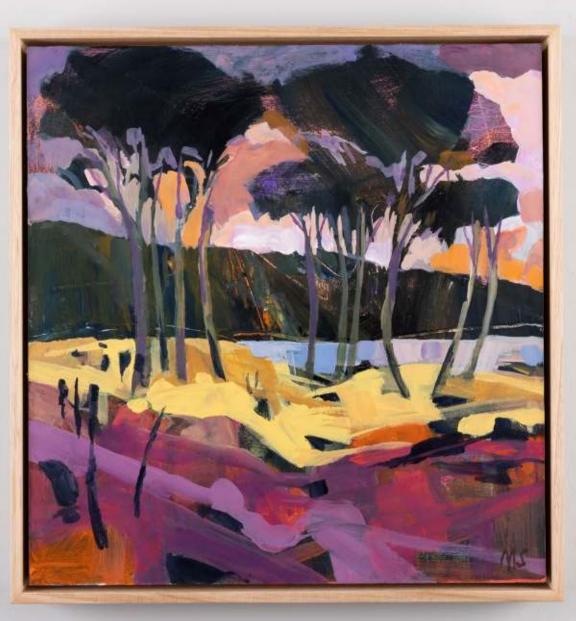
## MIKE STANIFORD

Mike Staniford is a contemporary Australian artist, inspired by the atmospheric landscape of Australia and the emotive qualities of light and weather. Mike's paintings are intuitive and gestural and seek to reinterpret the landscape, to distill down its complexity and eliminate the unnecessary. To capture the bold colours of nature and celebrate its shapes and forms.

Mike moved to Australia in 1994 and following a highly successful career in the design industry, he left his role as Executive Regional Creative Director for Landor Associates in 2016 and started painting full time.

Driven by the dynamism of interpretation, Mike paints with a strong commitment to the loaded brush. Colour, line and form work together in paintings, compelled by a sense of their own energy; both in the changeable landscape which they represent, and in the expressive nature of Mike's practice. "I want to move beyond a formal view and evoke a sense of emotion, a distinct moment in time, the drama and cyclical rythms of the light, elements and time of day and to make shape and colour paramount in my work. To give you a sense of the emotion, as well as the topography of the land."

Trees are an important feature in pretty much every painting. They are good for the soul, give me enormous visual pleasure and I'm hoping to pass that on to everyone who looks at the work. Their individual character, and their relationship, combined with a sense of time and place, has made me realise how important they are. In fact how different they are. As Paul Coelho once said, "In a forest of a hundred thousand trees, no two leaves are alike. And no two journeys along the same path are the same."



Mike Staniford *Let Music Whisper*, 2022 acrylic on board 40 x 40 cm, framed \$1,250

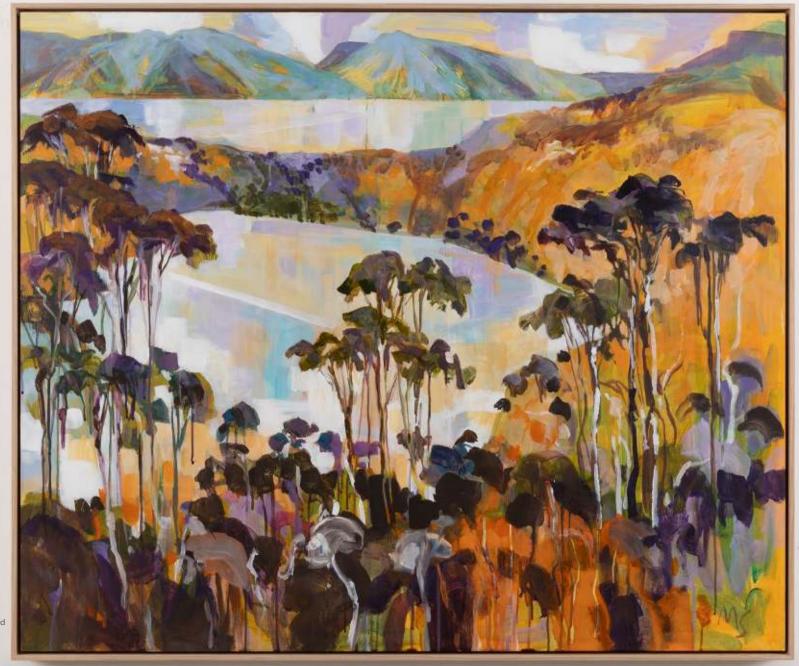


Mike Staniford Where I Belong, 2022 acrylic on polyester cotton 123 x 123 cm, framed \$4,950



Mike Staniford *The Song Begins*, 2022 acrylic on polyester cotton 123 x 123 cm, framed \$4,950





Mike Staniford *Twin Lakes*, 2022 acrylic on board 84 x 100 cm, framed \$4,550



Mike Staniford *Welcoming The Dusk*, 2022 acrylic on board 30 x 40 cm, framed \$1,200



Mike Staniford Secret Garden, 2022 acrylic on board 40 x 40 cm, framed \$1,250



Mike Staniford Flakes Of Silver Fire, 2022 acrylic on polyester cotton 79 x 79 cm, framed \$3,250





Mike Staniford *The Yellow Sunlight Falls*, 2022 acrylic on board 40 x 40 cm, framed \$1,250



Mike Staniford In The High Country, 2022 acrylic on board 30 x 40 cm, framed \$1,200



Mike Staniford Softly Faded Sun, 2022 acrylic on board 63 x 63 cm, framed \$2,250



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