

Suzanne Kemplay – Artist

I graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in 1988 with a BA (Hons) in Drawing and Painting. On leaving college I set up a studio painting commissioned portraits. I continued painting commissioned portraits on and off up until 2000. I returned to the studio in 2004 and began a series of flower paintings and Still Lifes. These were exhibited in a range of galleries across Scotland.

My style of painting is traditional and I use colour and light to give my work a contemporary vibrancy. For me the process of working from life is important to capture the colours of the fruit and flowers as I see them. My work is predominantly in oil and to produce the depth of colour, I use a technique of under painting in opposite colours, combined with building up colours in layers over days or weeks.

I'm not seeking to replicate the still life work of the past. Much as I am influenced by the 17th century Spanish Still Life masters, the Dutch artist Vermeer and many others. I am equally influenced by many Scottish artists from the 19th/20th century and seek to maintain a contemporary element that reflects my story.

I am currently based in Edinburgh, Scotland and have paintings in private collections throughout the UK.

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Exhibitions

Nov 2004	Campden Gallery, Gloucestershire	Xmas show
Jul 2005	Leith Gallery, Edinburgh	Mixed show
Jul 2005	Riverside Gallery, Aberdeen	Mixed summer show
Nov 2005	Riverside Gallery, Aberdeen	Xmas show
May 2006	Aberfeldy Gallery, Perthshire	Still Life Exhibition

Jun 2006	Queens Gallery, Dundee	Dundee Heritage Trust Exhibition
Jun 2006	Paisley Museum and Art Galleries	2006 Aspect Prize Exhibition
Aug 2006	Pittenweem Arts Festival	
Oct 2006	Queens Gallery, Dundee	Mixed Show
Nov 2006	Just Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh	Mixed Show
April 2007	Aberfeldy Gallery, Perthshire	Spring Mixed Show
July 2007	Paisley Museum and Art Galleries	2007 Aspect Prize Exhibition
Aug 2007	Pittenween Arts Festival	
Nov 2008	Jerdan Gallery, Fife	Mixed show
Nov 2008	Edinburgh Gallery	Mixed show
Jun 2009	Edinburgh Gallery	Mixed show
Dec 2009	Union Gallery, Edinburgh	Xmas show
Apr 2010	Union Gallery, Edinburgh	Mixed show
Dec 2010	Union Gallery, Edinburgh	Mixed Christmas show
Jan 2011	Union Gallery, Edinburgh	Mixed show
Jun 2011	Jerdan Gallery, Fife	Summer show
Oct 2016	Whitespace Gallery	Outside In, 2 person show
Feb 2017	Thistle Gallery	Mixed show
May/June 2017	Queens Gallery, Dundee	Mixed Show
May 2017	Union Gallery, Edinburgh	Draw, Mixed Show
June/Sept 2017	Thistle Gallery, Glasgow	Mixed Show
July/Sept 2017	Strathearn Gallery, Crieff	Summer Mixed Show