



The Welcome Swallow Gallery ~ Pepper ~



Debra Thompson, *Pepper-Men*

Catalogue
29th November – 24th January 2025



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We're Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, we hope you will enjoy the show – *Lennon & McCartney*

~ Pepper ~

Pepper! This is a deliberately provocative title for an art exhibition. Like the most famous rock album of all time, **Debra Thompson's** mixed media composition of the Beatles bedecked in their iconic *Sgt. Pepper's* uniforms, sets a visual scene for a variegated ensemble of artists' work. *A mnemonic to create art harmonic.*

As the boundaries between various forms of art become increasingly blurred the exhibition paintings are mixed with apposite lyrics from the album tracks. They are shown in this Catalogue and of course, on the gallery walls.

There are nine members of this band. For two of them it is their first show at the *Welcome Swallow Gallery*. **Roseanne Croucher** and **Michele Rumney** are established artists. The former has developed a realism style that embraces a light impressionism, similar to Renoir's early nineteenth century landscape paintings. Rumney presents novel compositions that are strongly Fauvist in their use of firm and colourful gestural lines that together formulate objects, perspectives and narratives.

Bernadette Ballantyne's detailed artistry captures her early-life domestic experiences, while **Gavin Smith** presents his signature post-impressionistic classic views of Arrowtown. **Julie Mello** and **Martin Necas** working respectively in oils and watercolour offer bucolic and serene, 'wonderful to be here' impressions of New Zealand topography. In sharp contrast **Gaen** uses a strong expressionist style for his geometric vista.

Kirsten McIntosh's beautiful floral compositions once again grace the gallery. Perhaps in this *Pepper* world they may yet 'grow so incredibly high'.

Finally, **Debra Thompson's** remarkable mixed media rendition of 'the fab four' resplendent in their *Sgt. Pepper* uniforms, energizes the entire exhibition ensemble. This intentional mix of forms, music and art, is also enjoined, throughout the gallery, with **Hong Cumming's** super creative sketches that further capture the essence of the famous *Beatles* album, translating their music and lyrics into a veritable vivid visual feast.





1. 2.



Bernadette Ballantyne

Castle Street
Soft Pastel
460x560mm
Price: \$1950

She's leaving Home

Wednesday morning at five o'clock as the day begins.
Silently closing her bedroom door, leaving the note that she hoped would say more - *Lennon & McCartney*

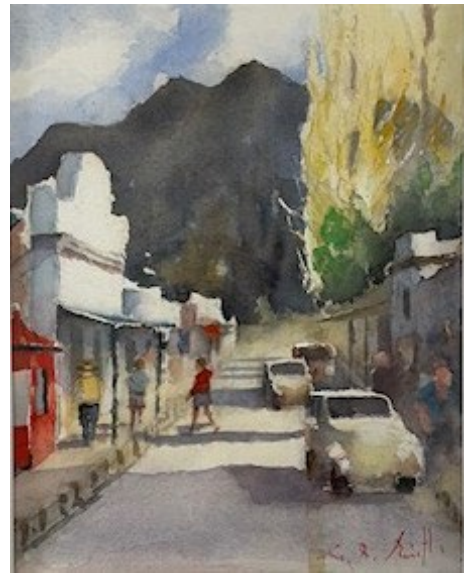
Bernadette Ballantyne

Forgotten
Soft Pastel
300x300mm
Price: \$1550



3.

4.



Gavin Smith

Arrowtown I
Watercolour
370x295mm
Price: \$395

Good Morning Good Morning

Going to work, don't want to go feeling low down.
Heading for home, you start to roam then you're in town - *Lennon & McCartney*

Gavin Smith

Arrowtown II
Watercolour
370x295mm
Price: \$395

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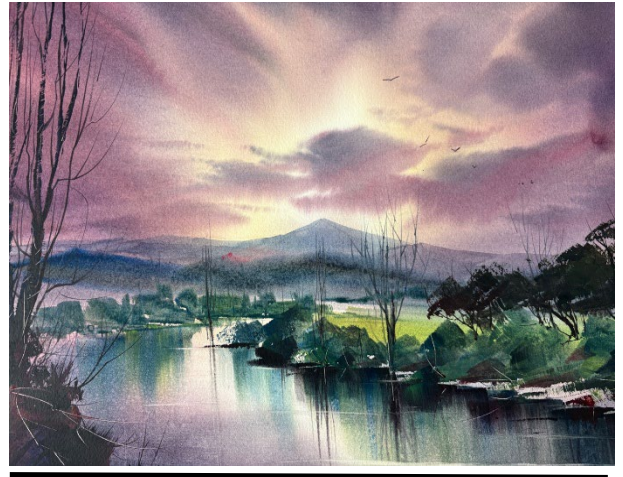
Martin Necas

Lucy's Boat
Watercolour
420x590mm
Price: \$1150

Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds

Picture yourself in a boat on a river with tangerine trees and marmalade skies. Somebody calls you, you answer quite slowly. A girl with kaleidoscope eyes - *Lennon & McCartney*

6.



Martin Necas

Evening on the
Tairua River
Watercolour
297x420mm
Price: \$550



7.

Martin Necas

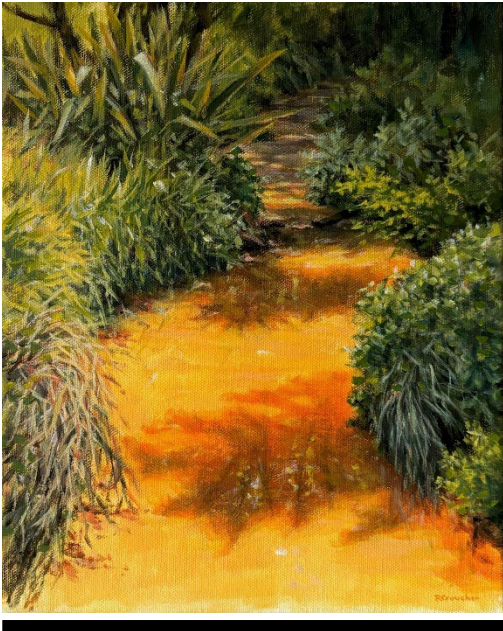
The Quiet Flow of Winter
Watercolour
575x365mm
Price: \$1000

8.



Rosanne Croucher

Nearing Hush – Lewis Pass
Oil on Copper Panel
170x220mm
Price: \$470



Rosanne Croucher

Kirikiriroa Stream – en plein

Acrylic on Canvas

300x250mm

Price: \$750

9.



Michele Rumney

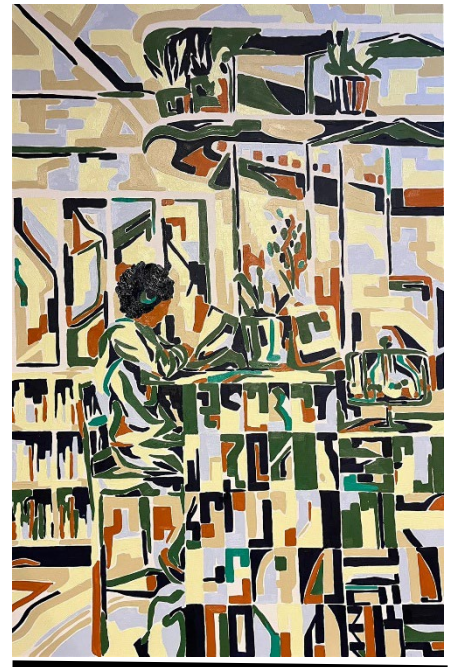
Citrus Monday

Oil on Canvas

610x914mm

Price: \$1050

12.



Michele Rumney

Take Five

Oil on Canvas

914x610mm

Price: \$1050

11.



Michele Rumney

97 Flat

Oil on Canvas

610x914mm

Price: \$1050

Lovely Rita

Took her out and tried to win her, had a laugh and over dinner. Told her I would really like to see her again. Got the bill and Rita paid it - *Lennon & McCartney*

13.



Julie Mello
Shadows on the
Wairoa River
Oil on Board
305x406mm
Price: \$600

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band
... It's wonderful to be here
It's certainly a thrill – *Lennon & McCartney*

14.



Julie Mello
Grazing the
Plains #2
Oil on Board
305x406mm
Price: \$600



Gaen
Swing With a Punch
Acrylic on Board
1200 x 900mm
Price: \$3900

15.

With a Little Help From my Friends
Oh, I get by with a little help from my
friends , mmm, I get high with a little help
from my friends, ooh, I'm gonna try with a
little help from my friends
– *Lennon & McCartney*

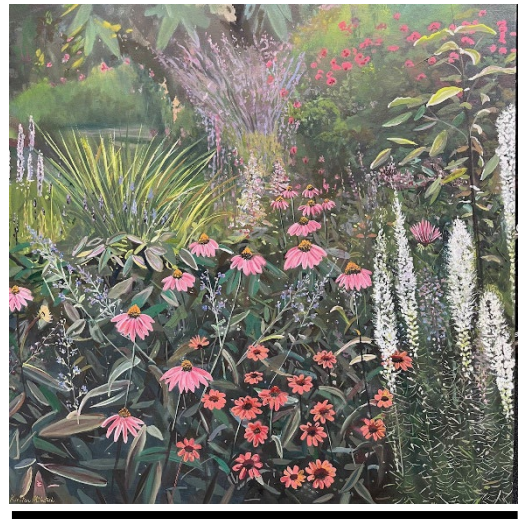
16.



Julie Mello
In Their Own World
Oil on Board
505x405mm
Price: \$750



17. 18.



Kirsten McIntosh

A Garden of Memories

Oil

762x762mm

Price: \$3750

Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds

Follow her down to a bridge by a fountain where rocking horse people eat marshmallow pies. Everyone smiles as you drift past the flowers that grow so incredibly high - - Lennon & McCartney

Kirsten McIntosh

Summer's Perennial Grace

Oil

762x762mm

Price: \$3750

19.



Debra Thompson

Pepper-Men

Mixed Media

770x1220mm

Price: \$3500

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band (Reprise)

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

Hope you all enjoyed the show

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Sit back and let the evening go

- Lennon & McCartney

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