

Michael Lowe

lives and works in Wellington

Masters of Architecture (Prof.)
Victoria University Wellington,
2012

Bachelor of Architectural
Studies Victoria University
Wellington, 2009

Michael Lowe is a promising young Wellington based artist, born in 1988 in New Zealand. Michael grew up in Auckland, attending Auckland Boys Grammar School where he excelled in art classes under Justin Boroughs. Lowe began selling artwork at 16 years of age, exhibiting his first painting at the annual Auckland Grammar School Art Exhibition in 2005.

In 2006 he was awarded the Matthew Koefoed Memorial Art Scholarship and from the exposure he received, Lowe gained various commissions and invitations to exhibit around Auckland. Lowe initially applied, and was offered a place at Ilam School of Arts in 2007 but following advice from John Pule he switched to study Architecture at Victoria University of Wellington.

Michael holds a Masters in Architecture from Victoria University, Wellington and currently divides his time working as a fine artist, as well as an architect and urban planner. He has been represented by nkb Gallery (Auckland) since 2009 and has work in a number of public, private and corporate collections across Australasia, Europe and USA.

Lowe's highly detailed paintings have been noted by a number of art commentators and critics for their intricate brush work and quality of light and has been described as "the next Grahame Sydney.." by Charles Ninow. His work typically explores our perception of landscape, in terms of how we attribute value and build connections to the 'natural environment'. Recurring themes of colonialism and land ownership are also prevalent, as well as historical and morphological concerns, questioning what do we mean by 'natural' and how think of 'landscape'.



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EXHIBITIONS

2017 Art Incubates Life, Mossgreen-Webb's, Auckland

2017 New Paintings, Solo Exhibition (with Lindsey Baker)
nkb Gallery Auckland

2017 Installation at LUX Light Festival, Wellington

2016 Art House Tour Exhibition, Auckland Grammar School

2016 New Zealand and French WW1 Memorial, Pukeaha
National Park, Wellington

2015 'Odds on Tomorrow', Solo Exhibition (with Freeman
White) nkb Gallery, Auckland

2015 Kings College Sale of Fine Arts Exhibition.

2014 'Transitions', Group Exhibition, nkb Gallery, Auckland

2014 Auckland Grammar Art Exhibition.

2014 Kings College Sale of Fine Arts Exhibition.

2014 Hibiscus Hospice Fundraising Art Exhibition.

2013 'Wunderkammer', Group Exhibition, nkb Gallery,
Auckland

2013 Auckland Grammar School Art Exhibition.

2013 Kings College Sale of Fine Arts Exhibition.

2013 'Intersections', Group Exhibition, nkb Gallery,
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2012 'Illumination', Group Exhibition, nkb Gallery, Auckland

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Auckland

2011 Auckland Grammar School Art Exhibition.

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2010 Kings Collage Sale of Fine Arts Exhibition

2009 Kings College Sale of Fine Arts Exhibition.

2009 Solo Exhibition (in conjunction with Lynaire
Kibblewhite) Wellington.

2008 Auckland Grammar School Art Exhibition.

2008 Kings Collage Sale of Fine Arts Exhibition

2008 WOW (World of Wearable arts), Nelson

2007 Auckland Grammar School Art Exhibition

2006 Auckland Grammar School Art Exhibition

2005 Auckland Grammar School Art Exhibition

AWARD & DISTINCTIONS

2014 Creative New Zealand ISCP Residency

2011 Victoria University of Wellington: Art & Design Award,
Winner

2008 WOW (World of Wearable arts) Finalist.

2006 Matthew Koefoed Memorial Art Scholarship

2006 7th Form Art Prize, Auckland Grammar School



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2006 Konica Minolta MADA Artwork, Highly Commended

2005 6th Form Art Prize, Auckland Grammar School

2004 5th Form Art Prize, Auckland Grammar School

2003 4th Form Art Prize, Auckland Grammar School

PUBLICATIONS

The Kiwi Diary, 2016

The Kiwi Diary, 2015

'The Art of Getting By' by Kristen Matthews. URBIS
Magazine, Issue 80, 2014

An Architectural Eye and An Artistic Mind. Habitus Living
Magazine, July 2014

EDUCATION

2010 - 2012 Masters of Architecture (Prof.) Victoria
University Wellington

2007 - 2009 Bachelor of Architectural Studies Victoria
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2006 Auckland Grammar School

COLLECTIONS

Studio Pacific Collection, Wellington

Wellington city Council

Collection of Angus Fletcher, Auckland



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