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# SWISS CULTURAL EVENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

November - December 2020

## UPCOMING / ONGOING EVENTS

Dates, locations and ticket prices are subject to change. Please confirm before visiting events

***COVID-19: Venues are following the health and safety guidance developed by the NSW Government to promote a safe physical environment. Visitors are encouraged to be mindful of the basic principles and practice.***

***For more information about covid-19 safety measures, please contact the gallery or the artist directly.***

## VISUAL ART

**“Under the Skin”  
An exhibition by Edmund Thommen  
Photographer**

**M2 Gallery, 4/450 Elizabeth Street  
Surry Hills Sydney NSW 2019**

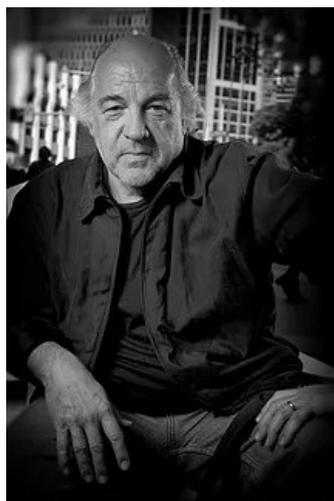
**From 18 November to 1 December 2020  
11am - 7pm  
Sat & Sun 9:30am - 7pm**



Edmond Thommen describes himself first, and foremost, as a Photographic Artist. For him the magic starts with the camera and his photographs.

His artistic expression is a testament to years of careful observation in photography, composition, lighting and design. His skill-set allows him to work with light and shades, play with compositions and absorb these into his new creations.

The female figure forms the basis of his artworks. They may soften or highlight the body's outline by blending it into several layers of images he superimposes on the figure. Sometimes the figure seems to disappear behind a barrage of organic materials or man-made structures - until the viewer's eyes start to actively search for the lines that in his or her mind "must be there" behind the image.



Official Website: <https://www.thommenart.com.au>

## VISUAL ART

### **“From the Mountain to the Sea” An exhibition by Ulrich and Jessika Steiner Balmain Watch House, 179 Darling St. Balmain**

**Open daily 27-29<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
from 10am to 4 pm**

“From the Mountain to the Sea” sees father/daughter duo sculptor Ulric and abstract painter Jessika Steiner combine artistic forces in their debut show together. Ulric’s stainless steel sculptures reflect the contradictory nature of his relationship with the natural world and the pull it has exerted on him to follow less trodden paths. Jessika’s current practice in acrylic and mixed media painting translates memories and nostalgia of growing up surrounded by bush and water on the Hawkesbury River into colour and form.



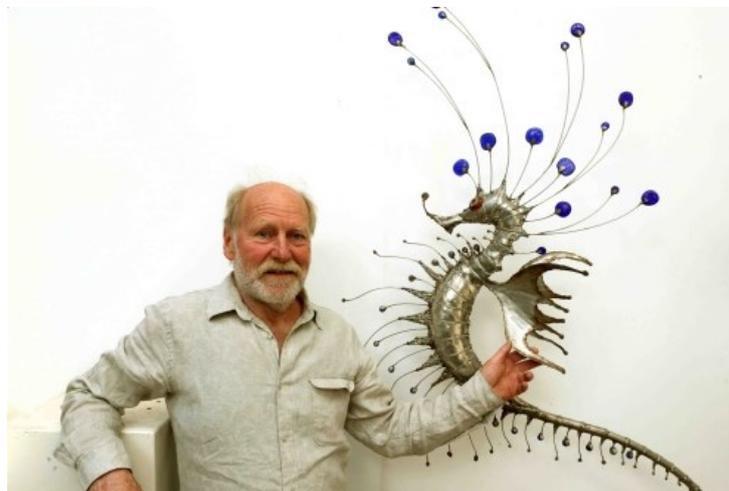
### **Ulric Steiner, Sculptor**

Contemporary stainless steel and glass sculpture

<http://www.ulric-steiner.com.au/>



Swiss - Australian sculptor blessed with links to many magnificent ancient cultures. Ulric Steiner grew up in Switzerland, a multicultural tapestry of art, agriculture and industry. The majestic mountains were exchanged for equally awe- inspiring oceans, which eventually brought him to live in Australia more than 40 years ago.



Official Website: <http://www.ulric-steiner.com.au/>

## **Jessika Steiner, Painter**

Abstract painting in acrylic and mixed media, jewellery and accessories



Jessika was born in New Caledonia where she lived on her Swiss father's hand-built yacht before calling Berowra Waters home.

Growing up surrounded by bushland and water has provided a foundation of memories, which Jessika sees as fundamental to her artistic practice.

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Official Website: <https://jessikasteinerart.com/>  
Instagram @jessika.steiner

## Visual Art

**“Outdoor Open Studio”  
ULRIC STEINER STUDIO  
38 CALDERWOOD RD, GALSTON  
5-6 December 2020 from 9am to 5 pm**

**Featuring Ulric Steiner (sculptor) and  
Jessika Steiner (mixed media art) and**

### **Brigitte Ehrat, Jeweller**

Classic, fun & beaded jewellery



Swiss-French Aussie who moved to Australia in 1981 with her family. Since a very young age Brigitte enjoyed creating things with her hands. As a little girl it was all sorts of arts and crafts. In her teens she discovered porcelain painting and experimented with making anything from tiles, chandeliers, light fixture and up to complete dinner sets that are still used today! After much exploration she was introduced to the art of beadwork. It started as a creative experiment and is now a passion that she has the pleasure of sharing with lot's of people around the world. Most of her pieces are 'one of kind', some in more subtle ways than others.

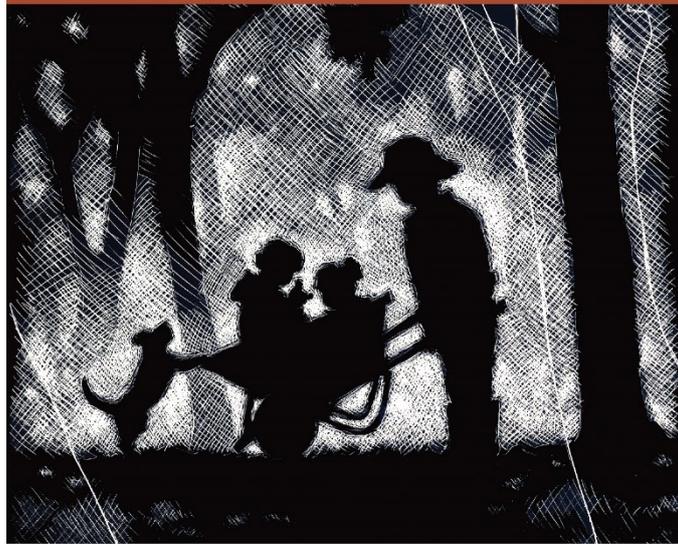
Official Website: <http://www.brigitte-ehrat-beading-designs.com.au/>

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## Visual Art

### “Making time” An exhibition by Michèle Heibel

#### Gallery 33 ART EXHIBITION



*Making time* by Michèle Heibel

Opening Dec 4th 5 - 7pm all welcome

Artworks available at time of purchase

Open 10 - 4pm Thurs to Mon or by appointment until Mar 29th



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3718 Great North Road Laguna

Born into an artistic Swiss-German family in 1972, Michèle Heibel spent most of her childhood years in Switzerland's Bernese countryside. In 1983, after extensive travels, her family made the decision to settle permanently in Australia.

Throughout her schooling, Michèle's interest in art never wavered and in 1991 she attained her Diploma of Graphic Design at North Sydney's Billy Blue School of Graphic Arts. Upon graduating she found her first full-time position in Sydney's CBD as a designer in Kerry Packer's publishing empire and went on to work in the industry as a Designer and Art Director for the following eighteen years.

In 2009 Michèle's need to return to her artistic roots and the rural lifestyle she had known as a child became overwhelming. Within the space of a year she left her job, became a mother, relocated to the Hunter Valley Wine Country and began creating her unique artworks by hand.

These delicate artworks are created using only a needle and possess a whimsical quality that will often belie a serious message within.



Official Website: <http://www.micheleheibelart.com/>

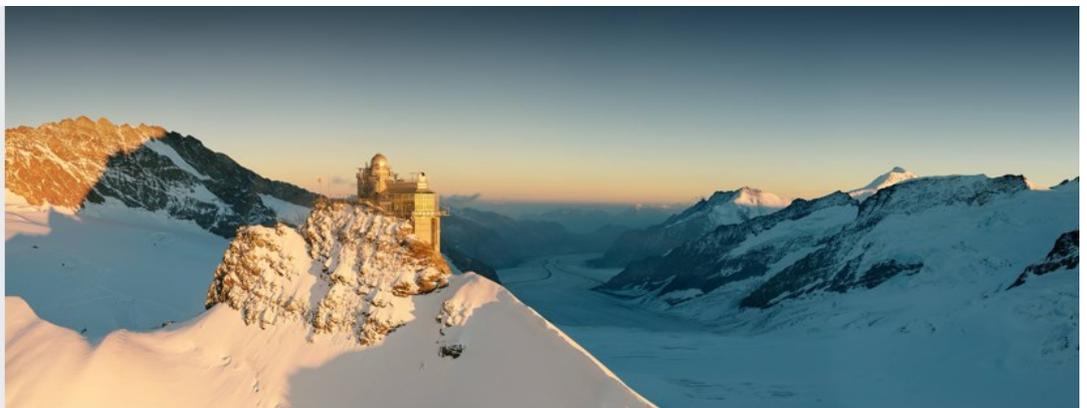
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Swiss Clubs and Organisations in Australia:

[www.eda.admin.ch/countries/australia/en/home/living-in/clubs.html](http://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/australia/en/home/living-in/clubs.html)

Arts Council of Switzerland: [www.prohelvetia.ch](http://www.prohelvetia.ch)

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Dance: [www.tanznetz.ch](http://www.tanznetz.ch)

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Theater: [www.theaterschweiz.ch](http://www.theaterschweiz.ch)

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