

Mary Alice Evatt

ART FOR THE PEOPLE

On exhibition at Blue Mountains City Art Gallery from 12 May – 24 June 2018



Image: MARY ALICE EVATT *Woman in green sitting on red chair* 1930, oil on board, 66 x 55.5 cm. Photo: Graham Lupp

The Blue Mountains Cultural Centre is bringing an historical collection of works to the Blue Mountains that includes artists such as Fernand Léger, Henri Matisse, Maurice de Vlaminck, John Coburn and Margaret Olley.

Curated by Dr Melissa Boyde, *Mary Alice Evatt: Art for the People* predominately features work by Mary Alice Evatt, artist and cultural advocate, who was married to Dr. Herbert Vere 'Doc' Evatt, Justice of the High Court of Australia and prominent Labor party politician.

Mary Alice was an influential and committed advocate of Australian contemporary art. In 1943 she was appointed a trustee of the Art Gallery of New South Wales and continued as the sole female member of the board until 1970.

The exhibition includes Evatt's drawings, paintings and sculptures ranging from the 1930s to 1970s as well as works acquired and bequeathed by the Evatt's alongside works and from private and public collections.

MEDIA RELEASE



The Blue Mountains held particular significance for the Evatt's who regularly holidayed here from early marriage. In the 1920s they built 'Kelmescott', a house designed by Mary Alice, located on The Mall at Leura.

"The Evatt's holiday house in the Blue Mountains was a treasured place to relax, read, sometimes work, but mostly be with family and friends," said exhibition curator, Melissa Boyde.

"Their daughter Rosalind is, like me, delighted to have the opportunity to exhibit Mary Alice's painting, drawing and sculpture and some of the modern works they collected, with a selection of archival material, at the Blue Mountains City Art Gallery."

A Blue Mountains City Art Gallery exhibition curated by Dr Melissa Boyde

EVENTS & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

EXHIBITION OPENING

FRIDAY 18 MAY, 6-8PM

With Guest Speaker David Stratton

Free event. Cash bar. RSVP to info@bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au or 02 4780 5410 by Monday 14 May.

CURATOR'S TALK

SATURDAY 19 MAY, 2 - 3PM

Join us for a curatorial talk by Dr Melissa Boyde, Curator of Mary Alice Evatt: Art for the People. The life and work of Mary Alice Evatt as well as the artworks of significant Modernist Masters of the 20th century will be the focus of this curator's talk. An afternoon not to be missed! RSVP appreciated at Reception or 4780 5410. Free with Gallery admission ticket.

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Hours: 10am - 5pm Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm Saturday - Sunday
10am - 2pm Public Holidays (closed Good Friday, Christmas Day)

Admission: \$5 adults / \$3 concession. Members & under 16 free