

# **Marina Strocchi**

## **Recent Paintings at Nellie Castan Gallery**

**Marina Strocchi's** story is a fascinating one. She lives, paints and lectures in Art part time at the Batchelor Institute in Alice Springs. Strocchi has just been awarded the 2003 Broken Hill Art Award (Acquisitive)

It was from Haasts Bluff (a remote Aboriginal community west of Alice Springs) **Strocchi** and her partner Wayne Eager (Iggy) established the Ikuntji Art Centre in 1992. The centre is still running and has produced a number of high profile Artists such as Long Tom Tjapanangka and Mitjili Napurrula. For the duration of 1999 Strocchi became a field officer for the Papunya Tula Artists.

It is with great pleasure that **Nellie Castan Gallery** presents **Strocchi's** 5<sup>th</sup> solo show, which will comprise a stunning exhibition of her most recent works; large scale acrylics on linen as well as her well known works on paper.

**Strocchi** recently exhibited at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin in 'Windows on Australian Art' which examined the work of artists influenced by Ian Fairweather and the Northern Territory. The show was curated by Daena Murray, who said

"...The imagery in these outback paintings was drawn from community life and is a joyous celebration of her experiences there. Her paintings in recent years evidence a mastery of her mediums so that the opalescent colour subtleties she has produced reflect admirably the luminous colours of the central Australian desert."

**Strocchi's** influences are many and varied, including Egyptian Art, African Art, Picasso, Matisse, Klee, the Roar group, Aboriginal art, and the Northern Territory Landscape including the man made objects within it. The all over composition and naive treatment of subject matter, combined with layered painting surfaces, creates a rich and independent visual vocabulary, making **Strocchi's** new work essential viewing.

**Opening Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March between 3-6pm**

**Exhibition Ends Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Gallery hours Tuesday to Saturday 11-5pm**

**Marina Strocchi is available for interview at Nellie Castan Gallery until April 15<sup>th</sup>. To arrange a time please contact Nellie Castan Gallery T 03 9804 7366 F 9804 7367 E [info@nelliecastangallery.com](mailto:info@nelliecastangallery.com) [www.nelliecastangallery.com](http://www.nelliecastangallery.com)  
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