

*Lynda Howitt*



*Golden Sky – oil on canvas*



*Gentle Breeze – oil on canvas*

## **Affinity**

*A natural attraction to a person, idea or place*

Award winning New York based artist **Lynda Howitt** presents a beautiful requiem to the sea and sky, exhibiting a series of canvases inspired by a deep connection and natural attraction to these elemental forces and the relationship between them.

**Affinity** opens on January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Charles Hewitt Gallery in Darlinghurst, exhibiting a stunning and unique composite of painting and photography, as Howitt is joined by renowned photographer Christian Mushenko in exploration of the beauty and mystery of the ocean.

*"I hope the artworks give people a moment to connect and reflect on their own feeling of the ocean, with its tranquillity and its turmoil, finding themselves that sense of peace and grace." Lynda Howitt*

Lynda Howitt's lifelong love for the ocean is reflected in her paintings. Her work radiates a warmth that is compelling, due to her unique vision, in which the opposite elements of nature are successfully merged to become a single entity.

There is a sense of weightlessness and light that embodies her work. Artworks are a rich palette infused with softly modulating hues. Up lifting highlights and strokes suggest clouds or waves breaking, as the sea and sky are interwoven, barely distinguishable. She has less interest in depicting specifics of nature than in evoking a sense of emotion.

Howitt aims to resonate with and inspire the soul, painting from a state of stillness, quietness and love. She takes the viewer on a reflective journey through her breathtaking and lyrical interpretation of where the sea meets the sky, into an inner world of vision and feeling.

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**Exhibition**

Opening Night: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
Time: 6 - 8pm  
Price: Free  
Open to the general public  
Location: Charles Hewitt Gallery  
Address: 335 South Dowling Street  
Darlinghurst NSW 2010  
Phone: 02 9331 4988  
Exhibition: 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009  
Galleries hours: Mon–Sat 10–6pm

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**More about Lynda Howitt**

Highlights of Lynda Howitt's career include winning Australia's richest art prize *The Signature of Sydney* in 2006, as well as exhibiting at several *Postcode 2008* shows at Mosman Art Gallery, and the Bathers Pavilion, Balmoral. Her art is in demand with the *Seduced by the Sea* series selling out, and she has artworks hanging in homes around the world.

Currently based in New York, she is represented there by June Bateman Fine Art. Her most recent solo show in 2008 at Jadite Galleries, NY, was a critical and financial success.

Born in Uganda, Lynda fled the massacre of Idi Amin with her family to the shores of Western Australia. An idyllic childhood growing up on the beach in Geraldton set the scene for this love of the ocean.

Her affinity with nature and the sense of light and space has been instilled from an early age in Australia and continues to be a guiding influence on her work.

After completing a Bachelor of Arts in Perth, Howitt pursued a highly successful career as a Creative Director in Sydney and London, where she won several highly lauded industry awards.

She has recently relocated to New York, devoting all her time to painting.

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