

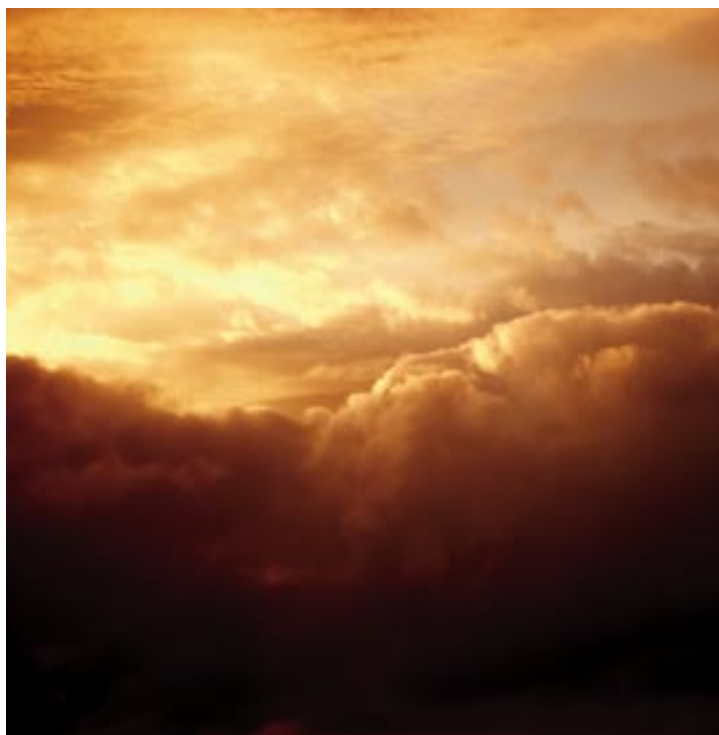
Bathers Pavilion Gallery

Lynda Howitt & Christian Mushenko: *Soul*

February - April 2007



Lynda Howitt *Lost in Love*, 122x122cm oil on canvas



Christian Mushenko *Don't talk (put your head on my shoulder)*, photograph

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Media Release: *Soul*

Capturing expressions of the soul is the passion behind this joint exhibition by artist Lynda Howitt and photographer Christian Mushenko. Opening night 1st February 2007 at the Bathers Pavilion Gallery Balmoral.

Soul is the result of Howitt's and Mushenko's desire to let their inner voices speak to them visually. These large format paintings and photographs are abstract works of colour and texture based on the sea, sky and symbolism that convey emotions that connect on a deeper level. This exhibition follows on from their previous exhibition *Seduced by the Sea*.

Most recently announced as winner of *Signature of Sydney*, 'The Nation's biggest art prize', Howitt's symbolic style is known for it's passion from the soul. Mushenko recently named by World Photographic Arts as one of 'the world's finest contemporary photographers', shows a depth and richness in his work that captivates the viewer.

There's something quite intriguing about expression based from the soul. These artworks of feelings entwined with mystery represent a true form of self expression. Intimate artworks like this change the way you feel.

"Art takes us into our own inner world, the world of imagery and emotion, of visions and feelings, it's a journey into the soul." said Lynda Howitt.

"These artworks are very personal and will no doubt resonate with people's own experience" said Christian. "They are a result of finding a way to express deeply felt emotions through print and canvas."

"How my subconscious feelings find their way into my paintings intrigues me." said Howitt

'Soul' lets us share in these intimate feelings that have been opened up and on display for us to see and feel.

Their works succeed in engaging you, intriguing you and touching you.

Lynda Howitt & Christian Mushenko: *Soul* Feb - April 2007, Bathers Pavilion Gallery, Balmoral.
4 The Esplanade, Balmoral, Sydney, everyday 7.30am - 10pm
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Lynda Howitt *Inner Knowing*,
122x122cm oil on canvas



Christian Mushenko *Aura*, photograph

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Biography:

Lynda Howitt - Artist

Born in Uganda, Lynda was the only white baby in a mission hospital a long way from the sea. At 1 yr old her family fled the Idi Amin massacre to the shores of WA and a little house right on the beach. With a BA in Design Lynda has had a highly rewarding career as designer here and abroad.

Now a successful artist and fulltime creative director for a leading design agency in Sydney, she draws on her love of the sea and her soul for inspiration. Having her first exhibition in 2005, she has quickly become recognized as an up and coming artist from Australia. Her work has hung on the walls of galleries across Australia and now in Europe and the UK.

Over the past few years, Lynda has devoted much of her time to art that gives out an emotion. Lynda's paintings are inspiring, mysterious, sensual and intimate. The artworks have come to symbolize passion. "I'm compelled to paint the emotion I feel. I try to express my true self so others can be inspired, touched or moved to connect with theirs. I paint as a form of self expression, art is transformal in itself, it transcends our ordinary lives and lets us imagine what is possible."

Lynda recently became the winner of 'The Nation's biggest art prize' *Signature of Sydney* and a month prior winning Faces of Mosman Photography Competition



Signature of Sydney winning
artwork by Lynda Howitt
The Sydney Kiss

Christian Mushenko - Photographer

Growing up on an orchard in Massachusetts, Christian had an affinity with nature from an early age. Walking through autumn foliage to a secret pond, or riding his horse bareback in the snow under the full moon were special memories, and often his camera was there to try and record the feeling behind these experiences.

Now he's a successful commercial photographer working for clients in Australia, the US, and the UK. "It is this ability to portray something with feeling and emotion, with 'soul' that excites me in my commercial work" Christian says.

Mushenko was one of under 70 photographers included in this years 'Masters of Photography' International Charity Exhibition in Brazil, and awarded Honor of Distinction in the International Color Awards 2006. His rich photographs are infused with the same depth and character he shows when portraying people's passions and true soul through the lens.

"These pictures are an outward expression of the innermost feelings of one's soul", says Christian, "and are inspired by being open to the spirit inside, and inspired by my love of the coast."

The photographs here are absorbing, intensely expressive, and reach out to touch the viewer.