

# RONewa

## ART PROJECTS

### MICHAEL DELL

Born:  
1960 in Banks Peninsula, New Zealand

Lives:  
Nelson, New Zealand

Education:  
1994 BFA, University of Canterbury  
School of Fine Arts, Christchurch,  
New Zealand

Michael Dell's paintings and drawings shift between abstraction and representation. His works have been described as having an ambivalent everyday quality, equally unremarkable in lack of narrative and simplicity, as they are absorbing in stillness and otherness.

The single-image photograph has long been a source material for Dell and his paintings and drawings often mimic the analogue failures of film negatives and discarded film prints. His paintings, both abstract and landscapes, bear evident attention to the picture surface, creating a static tension between materiality, depth and subject.

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *Distant Pictures*, Ronewa Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 *Material Object*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2022 *Sunday Morning*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2021 *Late Frequency*, Viewfinder Installation, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2020 *Recent Work*, online viewing room, Ronewa Art Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Even Now*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2020 *Endless Days*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2018 *Nature in My Mind*, NKB Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2018 *Before/Now*, G Space Gallery, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2016 *Between Nature and Nothing*, NKB Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2008 *Surface Nature*, Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 *In Between*, McPherson Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2005 *Paintings & Works on Paper*, City Art Depot, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 *In Between*, Peter Rae Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2004 *Recent Work*, McPherson Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2002 *Recent Work*, Studio Works Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1999 *Drawings*, Chartwell Gallery, Artspost, Hamilton, New Zealand
- 1998 *Drawings*, The Drawings Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1996 *Drawings From The Inside*, Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1995 *Arranging the Object*, Moray Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
- 1993 *Vignettes*, Solutions Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
- 1993 *Vignettes*, CSA Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1992 *Excavation/Extraction*, W S A Gallery, Hamilton, New Zealand

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### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *Night Work*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2022 *Place Holder*, The Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2022 *Caught in the Briars*, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2021 *Dell + Kube*, Duo exhibition, Föenander Galleries, Queenstown, New Zealand
- 2019 *Huu Haa*, JB Contemporary , Wellington, New Zealand
- 2019 Parkin Drawing Prize, NZ Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2019 *Sharks and Still Lives*, The Suter Art Museum, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2017 *3 Artists From The Parkin Prize*, The Suter Art Museum, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2017 Parkin Drawing Prize, NZ Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2016 *Worth*, Refinery Art Space, Nelson, New Zealand
- 2009 *WTF*, Paul Neache Gallery, Gisborne, New Zealand
- 2005 *Ape to Zip*, Christchurch City Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2005 *Art Event*, Christchurch City Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1997 CB Drawing Award, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1996 *Drawing Out of Context*, Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1994 *Recent Acquisitions*, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1993 Cranleigh Barton Drawing Award, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1993 *Print and Paper*, Kurashiki Public Art Gallery, Kurashiki, Japan, New Zealand

### Art Fairs

- 2023 Aotearoa Art Fair, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2021 TENT, Aotearoa Art Fair, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2021 Auckland Art Fair, Föenander Galleries, Auckland, New Zealand

### Selected Awards

- 2019 Parkin Drawing Prize, First place, Wellington
- 2017 Parkin Drawing Prize, Merit, Wellington
- 1993 Cranleigh Barton National Drawing Award Christchurch 1993
- 1990 Gallagher Group National Art Award Hamilton 1990

### Public and Selected Private Collections

Christchurch City Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū

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Waikato Museum of Art and History Te Whare Taonga o Waikato

The University of Auckland Art Collection Waipapa Taumata Rau

The Suter Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū

Te Pūkenya Whanganui

Parkin Drawing Collection

The Kelliher Arts Trust Collection

Ballin Art Collection

National Bank of New Zealand Art Collection

Tokyo Bank

The Arts House Trust

### **Publications**

*Sunday Morning - Michael Dell*, Anchor Print, 2023

*Endless Days - Michael Dell*, The Suter Gallery, Anchor Print, 2020

*The Collections*, Christchurch Art City Gallery, Spectrum Print, 2003

*Bulletin 129*, The Drawing Collection, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, 2002

*A Concise History of Art in Canterbury 1850 - 2000*, Robert McDougall Art Gallery, Rainbow Print, 2000