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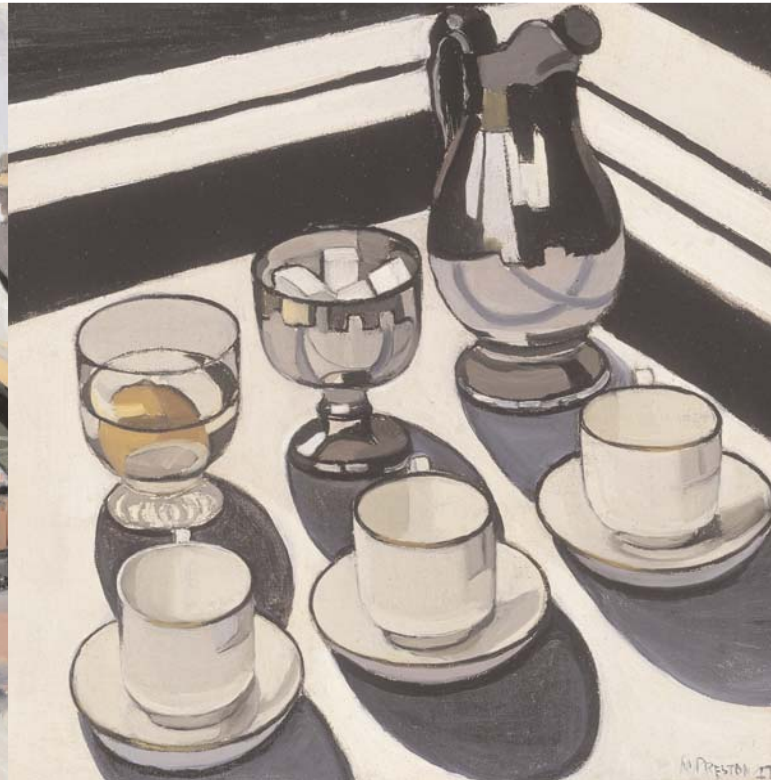
ART AND LIFE



Women's Weekly

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29 JULY TO 23 OCTOBER 2005



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"WE HAVE A DISTINGUISHED AND ORIGINAL ARTIST IN AUSTRALIA – AN ARTIST WITH ABUNDANT VITALITY ... THE INTELLECTUAL GIFT OF INVENTION AND AN EMOTIONAL COLOUR SENSE WHICH AMOUNTS TO GENIUS."

THEA PROCTOR 1927

Margaret Preston (1875–1963) is one of Australia's most celebrated artists, and is Australia's most famous woman artist. Her vibrant and cosmopolitan paintings and prints of the 1920s and '30s have delighted the Australian public since they were first exhibited.

Preston promoted her unique vision for Australian art and became one of Australia's most influential modernists.

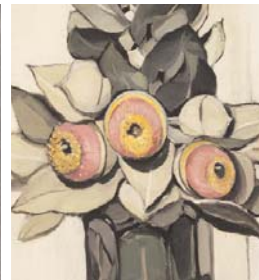
'In her heyday she was a powerhouse of rebellion'. (Leon Hellert). She was a 'tough minded' woman and an 'adventuresome traveller'.

This is the most extensive exhibition ever presented of Margaret Preston's art with over 180 works including paintings, prints, pottery, textiles and illustrative work.

\$12, \$8 members/conc, \$30 family (2 adults & 2 children)
\$3 tertiary Student Rush Fridays 1–5pm with ID

Anemones (or Pink jug) 1925 (detail) Art Gallery of New South Wales, gift of Mrs Alison Brown 1968





EVENTS

Guided tours

daily 1pm, Wednesdays 7.30pm
free with exhibition entry

Exhibition talks

free with exhibition entry
Thursdays 3pm

- 11 Aug Robyn Stacey, artist
- 18 Aug Geoffrey Smith, curator of Australian art, NGV
- 25 Aug Lindy Lee, artist
- 1 Sep Ursula Prunster, curator Special Projects AGNSW
- 8 Sep Mathew Poll artistic director Boomalli Aboriginal Artists' Coop with Sheona White Public Programs AGNSW

Fridays 1pm

- 2 Sep Andrew Sayers, director, National Portrait Gallery
- 9 Sep Barry Pearce, head curator Australian art, AGNSW
- 16 Sep Suzanne Archer, artist
- 23 Sep Debra Phillips, artist

Exhibition lectures

free in the Centenary Auditorium
Fridays 1pm

- 12 Aug Deborah Edwards, curator of *Margaret Preston*
- 19 Aug Rose Peel, co-curator of *Margaret Preston*
- 26 Aug Julie Ewington, head curator Australian art, Queensland Art Gallery

Symposium

Preston: art and life
Saturday 6 Aug 10am – 3.45pm
\$80 full, \$70 AGS members,
\$50 concession
bookings (02) 9225 1878

Above from left: *A mile out of Alice Springs* 1949 AGNSW; *Australian coral flowers* 1928 Private collection; *Sydney bridge* c1932 AGNSW; *Western Australian gum blossom* 1928 (detail) AGNSW; *Sydney Heads (2)* 1925 AGNSW, gift of Mrs Alison Brown

Films

Cinematic Sydney

Wednesdays 2pm & 7.15pm
Sundays 2pm

This selection of feature films and documentaries is devoted to the cinematic city of Sydney.

Highlights include:

- 3 & 7 Aug *Caddie* (Crombie 1976)
- 17 & 21 Aug *Heatwave* (Noyce 1981)
- 24 & 28 Aug *Rocking the foundations* (Fiske 1985)
- 31 Aug & 4 Sep *Puberty blues* (Beresford 1981)
- 14 & 18 Sep *Winter of our dreams* (Duigan 1981)
- 28 Sep & 2 Oct *Looking for Alibrandi* (Woods 2000)
- 19 & 23 Oct *Waterloo* (Zubrycki 1981)

For full program:
www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/events/films

Celebrating Margaret Preston in the Royal Botanic Gardens

Self guided Garden trail

Walk through the Gardens and find out more about the plants Preston used in her art works. Pick up a map from the Gallery or the Gardens.

Guided tours of the Gardens

Highlighting the plants from Margaret Preston's art.
1pm: 10 & 27 Aug, 7 & 17 Sep, 5 Oct
\$6.60, bookings 9231 8134

Floral arrangements exhibition of Margaret Preston's work

10 Sep – 9 Oct
10am – 5pm, until 7pm Wednesday
Red Box Gallery, free entry via Botanic Gardens Reception



Botanic Gardens Trust
SYDNEY

Visit the Gallery and the Margaret Preston exhibition every Wednesday night until 9pm.
(except 31 August)

ART AFTER HOURS

Exhibition talks 5.30pm

Free with exhibition entry

- 17 Aug Denise Mimmocchi, co-curator *Margaret Preston*
- 7 Sep Kate Llewellyn, author & Pat Harry, artist

Celebrity talks 6.30–7pm

- 3 Aug Peter Valder botanist & author. *Who discovered our plants?*
- 10 Aug Saskia Havekes designer, director of Grandiflora. *Australian natives in Preston's works and floral design today*
- 17 Aug Jenny Kee, artist & designer. *Jenny Kee meets Margaret Preston*
- 5 Oct Simon Marnie, presenter ABC 702 Sydney. *Eating Margaret Preston; a not still life over afternoon tea*
- 12 Oct Bruce Elder, journalist & writer *Why do people travel in the 21st century?*
- 19 Oct Deborah Thomas, editor *Australian Women's Weekly*

Modern Australian concert series

6.30–7pm

Staff and student ensembles of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music

- 24 Aug Maree Ryan & choral
- 31 Aug Gallery closed from 5pm: no Art After Hours
- 7 Sep Craig Scott & jazz
- 14 Sep Goetz Richter & strings
- 21 Sep Andrew Barnes & woodwind
- 28 Sep Daryl Pratt & percussion

Live music in the Art Bar 7.15pm

Free films 7.15pm

Guided tours of *Margaret Preston* 7.30pm

Red Box Gallery in the Royal Botanic Gardens until 7pm

opposite: *Still life* 1915–16 (detail) Art Gallery of South Australia, Elder bequest Fund 1940
front cover: *Implement blue* 1927 Art Gallery of New South Wales, gift of the artist 1960 back cover: *Corner of Mosman Bay* 1929 (detail) National Gallery of Victoria, purchased with assistance of Westpac Banking Corporation, Founder Benefactor 1997

