

## Mike Nicholls

## Selected CV

Born 1960 in Melbourne, Australia.  
Currently living and working in Melbourne.

Mike Nicholls has been a practicing artist for over two decades. He has exhibited widely in solo and group exhibitions nationally and internationally. Nicholls has also received several public commissions for his work including restaurant paintings at the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; Outdoor sculpture at the Malthouse Theatre and furniture at Linden Gallery, St Kilda. Mike Nicholls work is represented in the public collections of Tarawarra Art Museum, Vic; Shoreham Park Collection, Vic; National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; Museum of Modern Art at Heide, Melbourne; Shepparton Art Gallery, Vic; Bankstown Regional Gallery, NSW; Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW; Sir William Dobell Art Foundations, Sydney; Cambelton Art Gallery, NSW and the Gold Coast Regional Art Gallery, QLD, and in private collections nationally.

Mike Nicholls is a multidisciplinary artist producing expressive figurative wooden sculptures, oil paintings and works on paper. The process of creation is evident in the gestural refinement of all his works that impart a conveyed feeling of warmth and sensitivity. According to Nicholls, his painting and sculpture 'renders a tribal expressionism...in a unique and powerful language through the motifs of the shield, spirit and human presence' represented in his individual works. The shield and the spirit are presented as protective devices that convey the uncertainty of the times we live in. Nicholls believes this is particularly relevant to today's society, as quite often 'we refer too much of society in tribal terms'.

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions:**

- 2007 Carved-Sculptural works by Mike Nicholls — Maroondah Art Gallery.  
Body Mind Spirit — Australian Art Resources, Melbourne.
- 2005 Sculpture and painting — Recent Work, Axia Gallery, Melbourne.  
Sculpture and painting — Axia Sydney.
- 2004 Sculpture and painting — Recent Work, Australian Art Resources, Melbourne.
- 2003 Sculpture and painting — Recent Work, Eastgate Gallery, Melbourne.
- 2002 Sculpture and painting — Life as a Landscape — Patricia Autore Gallery, Melbourne.
- 2001 Sculpture and painting — Ebb and Flow — Nellie Castan Art Gallery, Melbourne.
- 2000 Painting — Survey Exhibition, BBA Gallery, Sydney.  
Sculpture and painting — La Vista de Soul — Nellie Castan Art and Design, Melbourne.
- 1999 Painting Exhibition — Coventry Gallery, Sydney.
- 1998 Sculpture — Pure Principles — The George Gallery, Melbourne.  
Survey Exhibition — Part and Parcel — Hotel So! tel, Melbourne.  
Shields in the Landscape — Coventry Gallery, Sydney.
- 1997 Shields Drawing Series — The George Gallery, Melbourne.  
Sculpture — Coventry Gallery, Sydney
- 1996 Coventry Gallery, Sydney.  
The George Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1995 Table Talk — Coventry Gallery, Sydney.

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**Selected Solo Exhibitions cont...:**

- 1994 Monoprints — Michael Wardell Gallery, Melbourne.  
Works on Paper — Michael Wardell Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1993 Coventry Gallery, Sydney.  
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- 1992 En Plein Air — Michael Wardell Gallery, Melbourne
- 1991 Coventry Gallery, Sydney.  
Esculptures — Michael Wardell Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1990 Coventry Gallery, Sydney.
- 1989 Michael Wardell Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1988 Coventry Gallery, Sydney.
- 1987 Michael Wardell Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1986 Coventry Gallery, Sydney.