

GERRY PARKE

Lives in Auckland, New Zealand

My practice's focus is currently directed at the deep-rooted tradition of figurative painting. It's the combination of the historical gravitas inherent in the genre, plus the truly human stories or connections that are unique to figurative art; these are the things that inspire me to paint people.

EDUCATION

2019 MFA First Class Honours, Whitecliffe School of Art and Design, Auckland, NZ

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020 *Cut from the cloth*, Whitespace Contemporary Art, Auckland, NZ

2019 *Performing Masculinities*, Allpress Gallery, Auckland, NZ

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Glaister Ennor Art Awards*, Sanderson Contemporary Gallery, Auckland, NZ

2018 *Vaguely Familiar* - Studio One, Auckland, NZ
Semi-Final, Demo Auckland, NZ

AWARDS

2019 Winner - RT Nelson Award, NZ Art Show, Wellington
(Finalist) Glaister Ennor Art Awards, Auckland
(Finalist) National Contemporary Art Awards, Waikato

2017 (Finalist) Arts Gold Awards 2017, Alexandra

COLLECTIONS

Wallace Arts Trust Collection, NZ