

THROUGH STEEL EYES

Gianni Sabaini

4 July to 9 August 2009



Gianni Sabaini arrived in Australia in 1996 from Brescia Italy. His passion for the arts began at an early age however the opportunity to indulge in his creative side did not arrive until later in life, when following in his Father's footsteps he undertook training to be a boilermaker. Gianni found that the skills and techniques learned from his trade stimulated his creativity and lead to him regularly producing three dimensional artworks. Gianni has now been sculpting in metal professionally for the past 4 years. He has exhibited in a number of group exhibitions locally and has work held in private collections both in Australia and the USA. He has received a number of commissions around Cairns within the public and private sector, most recently creating a major piece for the new Stratford Library entrance.

In Gianni's first solo exhibition you will observe an exploration of techniques mastered over the years. His use of metals vary from steel to copper to stainless steel and brass, with finishing techniques including materials such as paint, acids and chemicals, adding an abstracted quality to his contemporary forms.

Each of Gianni's forms represent life and emotion, and attempt to portray passion and movement within a solid and cold inert material. Gianni pushes each piece of material beyond its parameters and by doing so exposes the reaction to extended manipulation. His choice of metals and colours emphasise the contrast between the more traditional and the contemporary, hoping to stimulate the viewer to search for the 'real behind the obvious.'

Janette Laver - Curatorial Officer

EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Saturday 4 July – 2.30pm

ARTIST TALK

Saturday 4 July – 2.00pm

Local artist and sculptor Gianni Sabaini discusses the techniques and inspirations behind this extraordinary sculptural exhibition.



Gianni Sabaini, *The Fiddler*. 2009



Gianni Sabaini, *The Serpent*. 2009



Gianni Sabaini, *Fig Tree*. 2009

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