

Mahala Magins

Mahala conducted her residency from 7 to 13 December 2012.

Timed to enhance the program for the *Archibald Prize 2012* exhibition Mahala sketched people and places throughout the Clarence Valley and at Grafton Regional Gallery.

Mahala was out and about in the community sketching and interacting with the environment and people she met at the Saraton Theatre, River Street Maclean, Prince Street and See Park Grafton. She

also worked from the Link space in Grafton Shopping World. The sketches were then used to develop painted portraits which were commenced at the gallery.

Mahala who resides in Bangalow grew up in the Clarence Valley. Mahala's paintings take inspiration from everyday surroundings and the people who inhabit them. Her portraits convey a sense of the emotional, raw and vulnerable states of the subject in an expressive and painterly style where brush strokes suggest and describe the portrait.

Mahala was the recipient of the 2011 emerging artist award in the *Northern Rivers Portrait Prize* and a finalist in the *2011 Portia Geach Award*.



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