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Paintings You Probably Haven't Seen: Selected Works 2000 – 2017 by Ken Done

GRAFTON Regional Gallery is presenting 'Paintings You Probably Haven't Seen: Selected Works 2000 – 2017' by renowned artist Ken Done.

Gallery director, Niomi Sands, said the vibrant, playful and “truly magnificent” exhibition brought together a vivid collection of recent and mostly unseen works featured in his new publication of the same title.

“Over the years Ken has been a great supporter of Grafton Regional Gallery and as the patron it is only fitting this exhibition marks the gallery's 30th birthday with a celebration of his works.”

Ken Done is well known for his vibrant paintings that depict the iconic Australian experience. The selection of artworks in *Paintings You Probably Haven't Seen: Selected Works 2000 – 2017* celebrates the splendour of Australia's natural beauty. The artist finds wonder in the everyday through glorious colour, spontaneous mark making and brilliant visual expression. This exhibition, as the title suggests, is a joyful collection of Ken's most important pieces from his private collection, side-by-side with his latest studio work.

Mr Done said the paintings were all done since the year 2000.

“They are sometimes works done on location or sometimes in the studio, and some are just what was in my imagination,” he said.

Ken Done's first solo exhibition was held in Sydney in 1980. Since then, he has held more than 50 one-man shows, including major exhibitions in Australia, Europe, Japan and the USA. His work has been described as the most original style to come out of Australia and his paintings are in collections throughout the world. Ken's work is now widely recognised as holding a unique position in Australia's cultural heritage. In 1992 he received the Order of Australia (A.M.), for services to Art, Design and Tourism. In many parts of the world, Ken Done has come to symbolise Australia and Australians: creative, optimistic and bold.

The exhibition is open now and will be officially opened on August 17 at 6pm.

Release ends.



Ken Done, 'Violet coral head', 2011-16, oil and acrylic on linen, 152 x 122cm. Courtesy of the artist and Ken Done Gallery, Sydney



Ken Done, 'Madonna and dog', 2000, acrylic on canvas, 80 x 100cm. Courtesy of the artist and Ken Done Gallery, Sydney

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