

utopia art sydney



## Helen Eager

Press Release

Dates: 9 - 30 May

Australia's leading abstractionist opens  
two major Sydney exhibitions

Acknowledged widely as a master of colour, light and space; Helen Eager opens **Duet**, a show of her latest works and a parallel survey show, 'Forty years of Colour and Light' at Utopia Art Sydney on May 9.

"Duets contrasts colour and shape in ever more pointed and powerful ways. These paintings open each canvas to light, and with two major central forms, force us to look hard" says Christopher Hodges Director of Utopia Art Sydney "Helen presents and contrasts brilliant colours, creates lines and shapes for the eye, and gives us paintings that fire up viewer response."

"Abstract art ignites imagination and visual excitement. That's its power. What you see and understand generates its own meaning" Hodges comments

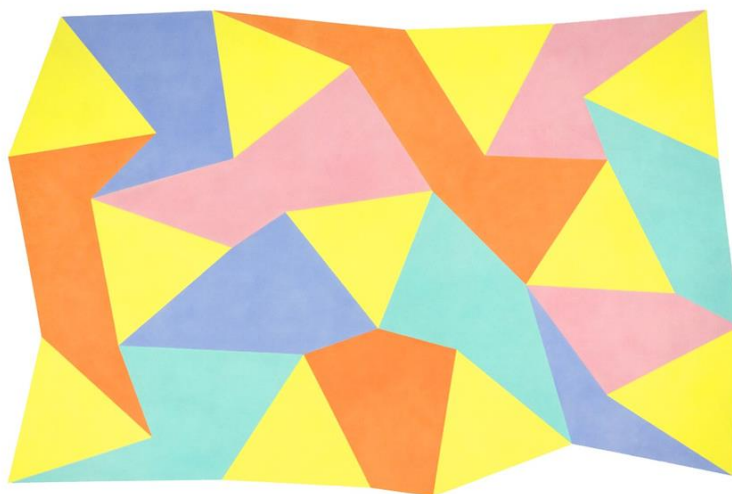
“These new Eager paintings capture colours, precisely place them into forms, put the forms into space and sharply contrast the forms against the other shapes in the picture as well as the white around the shapes. Simple but complex.

“Great abstract artists take years to mature fully. The Duet show emerges from constant thinking, drawing and reflection plus huge amounts of studio time.

“In Forty years of Colour and Light, the parallel survey show of fifty works, Utopia simultaneously presents Helen Eager’s artistic evolution over time; the constants, the colour, the moves, the difference, the growth. The themes of colour and light.

“Helen’s two shows (and her major work inside the MCA) bring together every element of an abstract artist’s awareness and understanding to fruition. “With Duets we are right in the moment; in the survey show, 40 years of Colour and Light’ we show the context.

Utopia is incredibly proud and excited to present these shows; this dual gallery presentation is a first in Australian art.



**press are welcome for a preview in the gallery**

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images **top:** Helen Eager, Duet, 2020, oil on linen, **above:** Helen Eager, Broadway, 2015, oil on linen, 200 x 300 cm **below:** Helen Eager, Daybreak, 2013, oil on linen, 182 x 122 cm, **Bottom:** Helen Eager working in the studio, 2012



About Utopia Art Sydney.

Utopia Art Sydney is the leading representative of Central Australian Indigenous artists and is acclaimed as a leading Australian contemporary gallery. Opened in 1988 Utopia represents Australia's most prominent contemporary Indigenous artists; Emily Kngwarreye, Gloria Petyarre, Ronnie Tjampitjinpa, Yukultji Napangati & George Tjungurrayi.

Gallery artists like John R Walker, Helen Eager, Angus Nivison, Kylie Stillman, Peter Maloney, Marea Gazzard, David Aspden and Richard Larter define the look and feel of Australia art.

Utopia artists are always included in major showcase exhibitions including the Venice

Biennale and Biennale of Sydney and strongly represented in Australia's most significant public collections. Gallery Director Christopher Hodges is a leading Australian sculptor and artist with long established career.



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