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MEDIA RELEASE

'BEYOND HORIZONS' BY LEIGH HEWSON-BOWER

8 OCT – 30 OCT 2016



Rottnest Island II, 2016, Acrylic on canvas, 115 x 240 cm.

Singapore, 28 September 2016 - REDSEA Gallery proudly presents the first solo exhibition by Australian artist Leigh Hewson-Bower, in Singapore. *Beyond Horizons* features a selection of twelve seascape paintings that beautifully reflect the artist's fascination with the process of depicting water and its wonderful visual, transparent yet reflective, wild yet tranquil appearance.

Passionate about painting and photography from an early age, Hewson-Bower's works are a combination of these two disciplines. "Through the "eye" of the camera, I can explore the possibilities inherent in a landscape, then sift through the images, sometimes combining several until I am satisfied with a final reference" says Hewson-Bower. Coming from diverse sources, travels and imaginary compositions, *Beyond Horizons* showcases captivating landscapes, which draw the eye of the visitor into luscious and peaceful tropical locations.

Hewson-Bower's oeuvre is concerned with the representation of those areas of the natural world that capture the encounter between the isolated tropical backdrops and crystalline waters. Finer details such as reef structures, vegetation shorelines and cloudy skies are key elements in his portrayal of these harmonious natural sceneries. In order to create depth, transparency and realism, Hewson-Bower continuously applies multiple layers of acrylic paint that go from plain to very refined brushstrokes.

Hewson-Bower's works are held in numerous private and corporate collections in Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and United Kingdom.



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ABOUT LEIGH HEWSON BOWER (B. 1947)

Leigh Hewson-Bower was born in 1947 in Melbourne, Australia, and has a reputation as one of Australia's finest interpreters of coastal landscapes. In 1967, after four years of study at Caulfield Institute of Technology, he graduated with a Diploma of Fine Arts in Painting. Whilst there, Hewson-Bower was granted the annual Student Prize award for three consecutive years.

In 1983, Leigh moved to Perth to help set up a production company for the construction and painting of theatre sets. The years that followed saw him painting backdrops for the Australian Ballet, full sets for the West Australian Ballet and Opera, Australian Opera, and in addition, pursuing career as an artist, exhibiting at Perth Galleries.

The success of his landscape and seascape paintings, has seen him continue a pursuit of excellence that began many years ago with a young boy fascinated by the astonishing technical skills by Masters such as Rembrandt, Van Eyck and Pierre Bonnard.

Over the last fifteen years, the success of his landscape paintings has allowed him to devote himself exclusively to his work as an artist. The subject ranges from the rivers and waterfalls of the Kimberley to the south coast of Western Australia and the east coast of New South Wales, and the tropical seascapes of the Maldives and Indonesia.

Video of Leigh Hewson-Bower working on one of his paintings can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpF5fG9Iveo>

EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday 8 Oct, 2016

6.30pm – 8.30pm

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Val: 10 Nov – 13 Dec, 2016

Rohit Chawla: Jan, 2016

UPCOMING FAIRS

KIAF (Seoul, Korea): 12 – 15 Oct, 2016

Art Expo Malaysia: 20 – 23 Oct, 2016

Affordable Art Fair, Singapore: 18 - 20 Nov, 2016

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ABOUT REDSEA GALLERY

Founded in 2001, REDSEA Gallery is one of Singapore's leading contemporary art galleries. It has firmly established its reputation, both locally and in the wider Asian art market, as an institution that represents a highly exclusive and international selection of well-respected and emerging artists.

REDSEA Gallery occupies a truly unique 600 square metre space at the heart of Dempsey Hill, once the colonial army barracks and now one of Singapore's architectural and cultural heritage sites. The gallery is used primarily for exhibitions but also as a venue for private and corporate events. In addition, it offers a range of private client and corporate consultancy services, art rentals and art history talks.

SELECTED IMAGES



Leigh Hewson-Bower
San Blas, 2016
Acrylic on Canvas
110 x 250 cm



Leigh Hewson-Bower
Remote Island II, 2016
Acrylic on Canvas
115 x 225 cm