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A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY WORTHY OF COMMEMORATION

Australian painter Guy Warren celebrates his 100th birthday.

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Artist **Guy Warren**, Archibald Prize winner, educator and respected painter, this year celebrates his 100th birthday. On 16 April 2021, Warren will not only celebrate his milestone birthday but will unveil an

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do on the rest of that space to activate that space and make it look exciting? So, you put another mark on and that makes other shapes, other negative spaces – what the hell do you put on that to make those spaces activate and look exciting? So, it's about that business it's a game, but it's an exciting game and I've always loved it."

A host of other events around Sydney will also mark the occasion. King Street Gallery on William will host a show of Warren's work titled *The 100th year*; The University of Wollongong, of which Warren was gallery director from 1992 to 2006, will host an exhibition of his works; the Art Gallery of New South Wales will hang Warren's work in celebration of the occasion; and The Lane Cove Art Society, which Warren helped found, will put on a survey exhibition for the artist.

"Guy Warren is an Australian artist who has stood the test of time and is a testament of time," says **Randi Linnegar**, director of King Street Gallery on William which represents Warren. "Having lived and worked as an artist overseas and in Australia for over 80 years, Guy's unique vision has informed audiences with intellect and visual acumen. His imagery continues to explore, expand and develop and each day brings another possibility to what is a formidable career."

Nicholas Thompson, director of Nicholas Thompson Gallery who also represent Warren, notes that the artists career has been hugely significant in the Australian painting scene. "Aside from being a significant Australian artist, and a significant Australian, with a long and distinguished exhibiting history, Guy Warren's work continues to have a vibrancy, movement and spontaneity which I find remarkable and inspiring. I think this comes from a genuine love of what he does, and has been developed through a dedicated, lifelong practice."

Each forthcoming event will celebrate the great legacy Warren has left on Australian painting, particularly on the subjects of landscape and portraiture for which his contribution has been immense.

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