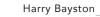
An exhibition by Harry Bayston

at NOVACANCY



AND IT'S SO





Say and it's so is a solo exhibition at No Vacancy Gallery by Harry Bayston exploring the idea an object represents verse the object itself.

The show features a series of intertwined paintings and sculptures referencing philosophy, pop culture and everyday life with tongue in cheek, yet (almost) poetic observations. The pieces subvert symbols and status. By incorporating complimentary and contrasting elements and icons, they serve as a critique of preconceived notions and societal expectations.

Pushing new feelings under my tough guy hat I got second hand

Baby

I'm a cowboy

without the cow

boy

You say and it's so

what a man to you



Harry Bayston is a currently Melbourne based artist whose expanded painting practice incorporates a stable of characters, symbols and text.

He uses art as a form of catharsis; reflecting and examining life, from the excitements to the anxieties, through a constant state of over thinking. Harry holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honors) from UNSW Art & Design and is currently working on his Master of Fine Arts at RMIT. He has exhibited consistently over the past several years in multiple solos and group shows across Sydney. This marks his first Melbourne solo exhibition.





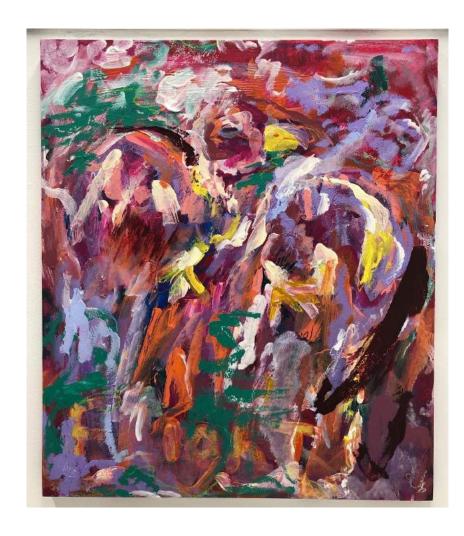
PAIN-TINGS



Would you still call me a cowboy if I went to bed before midnight?

> Mixed media on canvas 183 x 92 cm





No time to fight, time to Nelly Furtado out of here

> Mixed Media on board 70 x 60 cm





(Everyone knows) An artist must, suffer, steal, sell, sell, sell

> Mixed Media on unstretched canvas, 210 x 130 cm

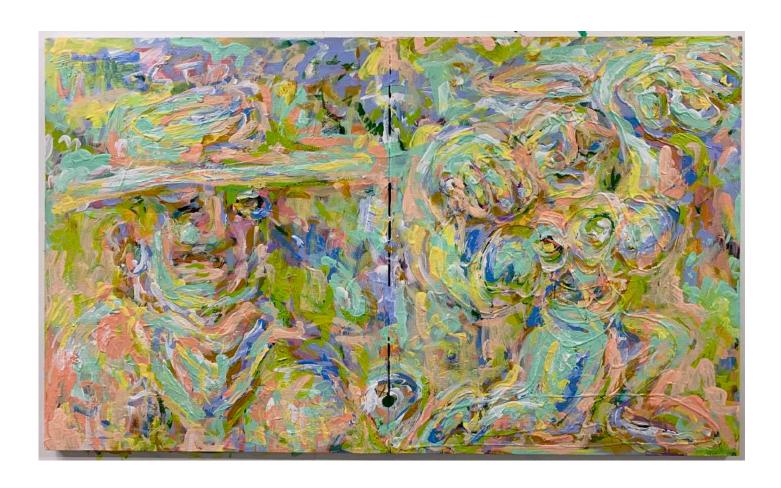




They wave back as I drown. Say cheese

Mixed Media on board 70 x 60 cm



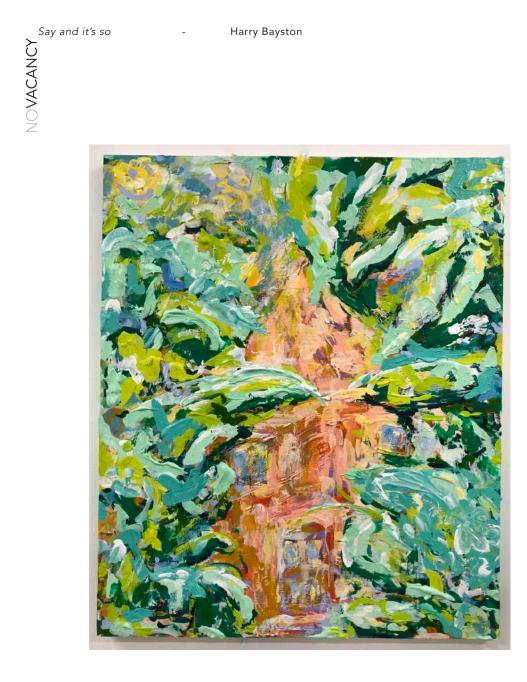




Good god damn, strong man diptych

Mixed media on board 60 x 100 cm

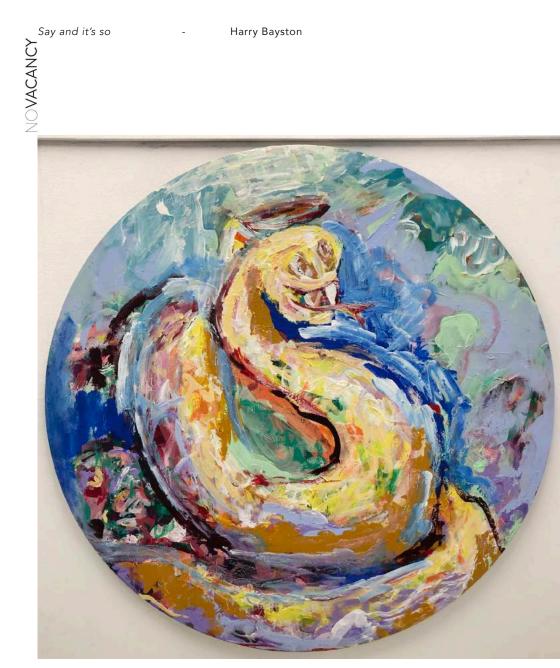




Oh me, oh my, home, grown

Mixed Media on board 60 x 50 cm





Doctors aren't the only ones that hate apples. It was one time

> Mixed Media on board 90 cm diameter





Take my boot and walk the line in my shoe (it's tough guys)

> Mixed Media on unstretched canvas, 210 x 130 cm





A panther can't change it's stripes

Mixed media on canvas 122 x 92 cm



SCULP-TURES





Left right, good night. Sleep tight, probably not, again, tonight #1 of (That was, all) for this series

> Mixed media on clay 19 x 13 cm \$360





Trying to catch up, third time's the charm #2 of (That was, all) for this series

> Mixed media on clay 18 x 20 cm \$300





What's new pussycat? Oh no

#3 of (That was, all) for this series

Mixed media on clay 17 x 16 cm \$230





Hello stranger, goodbye friend

#4 of (That was, all) for this series

Mixed media on clay 16 x 7 cm \$140





Like a seal, see how I hold up

#5 of (That was, all) for this series

Mixed media on clay 13 x 11 cm \$120





I'm the king of the jungle, when you're around #6 of (That was, all) for this series

> Mixed media on clay 12 x 7 cm \$140





(All a)lone wolf

#7 of (That was, all) for this series

Mixed media on clay 11 x 13 cm \$140





Can't hold it in, or anything for that matter #8 of (That was, all) for this series

> Mixed media on clay 10 x 14 cm \$120





Hopeless (and) romantic

#9 of (That was, all) for this series

Mixed media on clay 16 x 9 cm \$120





Smiling on the outside, don't worry about within #10 of (That was, all) for this series

> Mixed media on clay 15 x 10 cm \$110





Pull up a chair, I can't get you out

#11 of (That was, all) for this series

Mixed media on clay 6 x 11 cm \$100





Always draw, never great at sport

#12 of (That was, all) for this series

Mixed media on clay 20 x 9 cm \$170







Waiting for lightning to strike. Probably not twice. Definitely thrice, is the charm. Right?

> Mixed media on clay 20 x 25 cm \$480



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