



# Keming SHEN

Keming was born in Shanghai in 1954. He graduated from The Shanghai Light Industry College (Arts Department) in 1982, majoring in graphic design. After graduation, he worked for The Shanghai Art Design Company as a Graphic Designer, as well as freelancing as an illustrator for a publishing house, and two Shanghai newspapers.

Following that, he taught at The East China Normal University (Fine Arts Department) until arriving in Australia in 1988. There, he concentrated on commercial art - two and a half years as a freelance Graphic Artist at the University of Melbourne Publications & Printing Services Design Studio, and then full time for a further four years for two art companies as a designer and painter. In 1995 he established his own graphic design studio.

In 2004 he recommenced painting (fine arts) and shortly after began teaching at Jiotto Studio in Fitzroy, specialising in portraits and still life. In mid 2006, he started teaching at Malvern Artists' Society, and later at Brighton Artists' Society, and Glen Eira Artists' Society. He has also taught workshops and demonstrated at Victorian Artists' Society. Keming currently teaches at Malvern Artists' Society and in his own studio.

He specialises in oil paintings of people and everyday life, capturing the vibrancy and colour of Australia. He has always been interested in painting people, believing that the honest depiction of everyday scenes can be the most evocative. His vibrant and colourful paintings display an Australia which is teeming with life and culture, revealing unsaid narratives in their compositions and atmosphere.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

2022 Third Prize, Nada Hunter Award, Victorian Artists Society Portrait Exhibition  
2022 Second Prize in Oil/Acrylic Category, Moonee Valley Art Show  
2019 Highly Commended, Tom Roberts Award  
2018 Commended, Frederick McCubbin Award  
2013 First Prize & People's Choice Award, St Kevin's College Art Show  
2012 Highly Commended, Herald Sun Camberwell Rotary Art Show  
2010 Highly Commended, Victorian Artist Society Winter Exhibition  
2010 Highly Commended, Victorian Artist Society People Painting People Exhibition 2010  
Highly Commended, Victorian Artist Society Autumn Exhibition  
2009 Highly Commended, Victorian Artist Society Spring Exhibition  
2008 First Prize, Australian Artist magazine's Art Prize  
2008 People's Choice Award, St Kevin's College Annual Art Show  
2008 Second Prize Award & People's Choice Award, Masterpiece in A Day Competition 2007  
Highly Commended, Herald Sun Camberwell Rotary Art Show  
2006 Third Prize, Little Archies Annual Portraiture Prize



RiverBank, Yarra River - \$1,380



Hammock - \$4,800



Grandma's vase - \$1,600



Meadow - \$1,380



Bright Yellow Daffodils - \$1,600



The Convent - \$1,100