

## **Artist CV**

Marie was born in Prague, Czech Republic, where she graduated from two Czech Universities, Palacky University in Olomouc, M Art Ed, and Charles University in Prague, Dr Art Ed. Marie was a full-time art and photography teacher for over twenty years in Australia and in a number of different countries in Europe and Asia which has included work for Save the Children Fund. She also worked as an Artist in residence in schools (Master Teacher), and has been the recipient of seven government grants.

She has participated in many group exhibitions, some in Australia and some overseas, and has held thirteen solo exhibitions. These have included weaving, painting, printing and photography. In May 2002 she was NAVA's Profile Artist on The Visual Arts Network. In 2011 one of her photographic images appeared in the Autumn issue of Australian Collector magazine. The articles about her work and the images of her work were published in The Canberra Times and Batemans Bay Post during her exhibitions.

Most of her work is in Mixed Media, Pastel and Photography. She has a special interest in old photographic processes as an art form. Her work can be viewed at Nava Gallery, PhotoAccess Gallery, Hive Gallery, Shoalhaven City Arts Centre and The Art Vault Gallery websites.

She is a member of NAVA, PhotoAccess, Eurobodalla Photographic Club, South Coast Pastel Society, Batemans Bay Art and Craft Society, Enquentro and Photomedia Group Alchemy. In 1997 Marie was the originator of the group that became in 2000 MultiFocus and in 2005 MultiFocus Photomedia Artists Inc. Between 1998 - 2005 she was, as a member of MultiFocus, a joint recipient of number of grants from artsACT and the ACT Office of Multicultural and Community Affairs, and also in 2001 from ACT Heritage and in 2000 from Nava (Pat Corrigan grant).

Marie still travels extensively. She regularly returns to Prague and uses that location as a base for excursions to other parts of Europe, studying and absorbing both the history of art and new developments. On the way to and fro she makes sure to have extended stopovers in Asia or the Americas to broaden the experience.

Marie currently lives between the pristine bushland of a national park and the sea. The close proximity to the beauty and occasional harshness of nature inspires her imagination and uplifts her spirits. attached with the documentation.