

DAVID CHARLES ROWE

departs (and arrives) in another place- a timeless land, and a mystical new collection

David is well known as a painter of abstracts, and set off in the new direction we see here just two and a half years ago. This new direction is taking him some prestigious places During 2002, David won the Capricorn Coral Coast Award with a landscape entitled "Twisted Rock Bay". He has also brought home to Ingham the Townsville Art Society Landscape Award, The Local Artist Category in the Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition, and was also shortlisted out of 350 entrants in the Ergon Energy Art Award (Rockhampton).

David Rowe is indeed an artist "going places."

The paintings David presents for "Symbiosis" are about the edge between night and day, the edge between sea and shore, the edginess of sensing an unseen presence. These landscapes are about timelessness. They bear traces of man, but is it the past, or is it the unseen future? We are teased with glimpses of man made structures- pathways and tunnels, signposts, and also living elements of landscape that are not quite of this earth.

The seething power of the land is heard here, and it invites you to begin an emotional journey through these works. But where are we, once we begin this journey? These are no mere landscapes, but a portrait of the spirit of the land. They are about stability, and strength, and heart. They have something of Tolkien about them, an antiquity of soul, combined with a playground of the spirit. They embody the phrase- "life is art - art is life", by giving us so strongly the sense of an arriving presence without actually showing it.

Make sure you visit "Symbiosis", and look into these wonderful paintings deeply, and find some of the many interpretations embedded within.