

ARTIS

G A L L E R Y

GEORGE SAVILL

George Savill is a contemporary New Zealand artist renowned for his bold and expressive paintings. He joined ARTIS Gallery in February 2023 and held his first solo exhibition here (*Arrangement*) during May of that year.

Savill's paintings are a celebration of life and its transience. He cannot keep his enthusiasm within the frame - actively seeks the edge, moving beyond it, and in doing so asks; *does life really fit inside the box? He does not mind that life spills off the plate. He applauds a boundary breach, pushing us towards it, knowing that by embracing those moments where we reach the very end of ourselves, that is a life lived in full expression.*

Flowers in various states of decay complement the surroundings. A deft painterly hand and rich colour palette exhumes expressionism from the twentieth century. Human presence is absent, yet everywhere. By creating a feast, Savill urges us to take hold of the moment – he is fixated with the perishable state of his subjects: - flesh, fish, flowers, meat and fromage.

EDUCATION:

1988	McDonald Scholarship Sydney
1989	Christ's College Art Award
1991-93	Christchurch Studio Art School DFA
1998	Maria Can Serrat , Barcelona , Post Graduate dip Oslo School of Fine Arts

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

2025	The Garden Against Time	ARTIS Gallery, Auckland.,NZ
2023	Arrangement	ARTIS Gallery, Auckland , NZ
2003	Statements Gallery Tauranga, NZ Gallerie Martini , Hong Kong	
2002	Barbara Lee Studio , Christchurch , NZ Parnell Gallery , Auckland, NZ	
2021	Wilson & Dorset , Wanaka, NZ	
2000	Clapham House Gallery , London, UK	
2000	Wornesh Gallery , Guildford,Surrey , UK	
1998	Maria Can Serrat , Barcelona	
1994	Gibbston Valley Winery/Gallery,NZ	
1993	COCA graduation show	