

## Gallagher, Stephen

**PERSONAL INFO:** Stephen Gallagher (b. 1988 Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, N.Ireland) Stephen Gallagher, originally from Co. Tyrone, was formally trained as an architect in Belfast and has worked in offices in Ireland, New Zealand and Australia. He now works full time as a professional fine artist specialising in Canine Oil Portraiture. His work employs the 'Alla Prima' technique also known as the Direct Method, bringing a fresh and 'alive' aesthetic to his paintings. He has a growing international fan base and has held exhibitions in Australia and N.Ireland with private collectors worldwide. Stephen has also worked closely with dog rescue organisations in Australia and N.Ireland (AWLQ, Almost Home NI), using his art to raise awareness about the plight of unwanted dogs and encouraging people to adopt.

**EDUCATION:** • BA Hons Architecture - University of Ulster 2009 • Artistic Training - Trained under award winning New Zealand artist Mehrdad Tahan, 2016

**EXHIBITIONS:** 2016 Group Exhibition - The Corridor Gallery, Brisbane, Australia 2016 Group Exhibition - Hanasho West End, Brisbane Australia 2017 Solo Exhibition - Old Munitions Factory, Reload Espresso, Brisbane Australia 2017 Open Studio - Salisbury Studios, Brisbane Australia 2017 Solo Exhibition - Black Lab Coffee, Brisbane Australia 2017 Solo Exhibition - Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane Australia 2018 Group Exhibition - The Village Art Gallery, N. Ireland 2018 Group Exhibition - The Village Art Gallery, N. Ireland 2019 June - 'Old Mates' Exhibition, The Dirty Onion, Belfast, N. Ireland

**PRIVATE COLLECTIONS:** Australia (Queensland/New South Wales/Victoria/Tasmania), New Zealand, Canada, USA, UK, Ireland

**TEACHING & WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE:** • Live Painting Demo - Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane 2017 • Educational and Motivational Speaking - Invited to give a speech about art career development to art students at Padua College, Brisbane 2017 • 2019 March - Pet Portrait Workshop - Cafe No 47, N. Ireland • 2019 April - Pet Portrait Workshop - Cafe No 47, N. Ireland • 2019 May - Painting a Direwolf Masterclass - Black Box, Belfast

**PRESS:** THE COURIER MAIL - 'Million Dollar Fur Babies' Oct 07, 2016 THE PROJECT - 'Art for Barks Sake' August 02, 2016 THE WEST END MAGAZINE - July 01, 2016 7 NEWS - Feb 19, 2017 BRISBANE TIMES - June 05, 2017 ABC RADIO - June 09 2017 SOUTHERN STAR - August 21 2017 THE GREAT DAY OUT - Oct 15 2017 DUNGANNON HERALD - April 05 2019 DUNGANNON HERALD - 'Big Interview' April 11 2019 TYRONE TIMES - April 17 2019