



Rebecca Rath  
*Mountain Songs*



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Cover Image: *Mountain Songs* 2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm

Opposite page: *Photo by Ryan Jenkins*



*A Wide Expanse of Roving Plain, Hunter Valley*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 150cm



## *Preface*

Connection to land is spoken of, but rarely deeply understood by those not part of a collectivist culture. It can be a transformational experience, a spiritual and emotional journey which only relies on us to be. Rebecca Rath's most recent body of work illuminates the possibility of that human experience.

Her work in *Mountain Songs* depicts the ancient wisdom which resides in the mountains surrounding her Pokolbin home. Inspired by the work of American John Muir, Rebecca accessed the remote ridges and crevasses around her, communicating the vision of a majestic landscape and all its complex past. "I let the brush choose the colours and paint accordingly. The brush works itself: I am simply the channel".

*"I step away from being 'the artist and let nature take over".*

Of her mountain odyssey she said,  
" I feel blissfully alone up here, it's

both confronting yet surprisingly uplifting. I decided to paint from the mountain eye – a view from the top. There was nothing for me to romanticise while being up there and immersed in the environment, yet I did want to encapsulate the ancient and spiritual connection. My interest in the ancient land of Australia and its natural history makes me curious about where we are headed and where we have come from".

Rebecca Rath has more than 20 years of experience making, teaching and sharing her passion of art. She is known for her colourful and energetic landscape paintings and has exhibited widely both in Australia and overseas. She lives with her family on a small Hunter Valley vineyard.

Helen Kapalos,  
Australian Presenter, Journalist and  
Documentary Maker.



*View Towards the Barringtons*  
2021, oil on wood, 30 x 120cm





*Rocky Heights and Walls of Stone ii*  
2021, oil on canvas, 153 x 90cm

*Rocky Heights and Walls of Stone iii*  
2021, oil on canvas, 153 x 90cm

Opposite Page: *Rocky Heights and Walls of Stone i*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm







*Of Scentless Flowers and Songless Bird*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm

*Roving Breezes, Bees Nest Ridge*  
2021, oil on canvas, 75 x 75cm

Opposite Page: *Tuesday at Bees Nest Ridge*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm





*A Land So Strong*

2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm

*Mountain Songs*

2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm





*Bees Nest Ridge*

2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm

*The Path, Bees Nest Ridge*

2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm

*Where Great Gums Grow*

2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm



*The Long Day Through*

2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm

*Tracks, Bees Nest Ridge*

2021, oil on canvas, 75 x 75cm

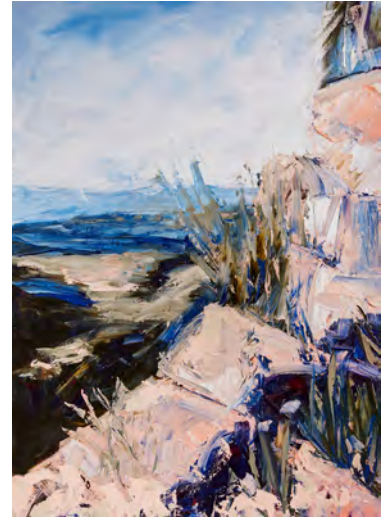




*The Magpie Warbles Clear and Strong*  
2021, oil on canvas, 75 x 75cm



*Let Nature Take Over*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 120cm

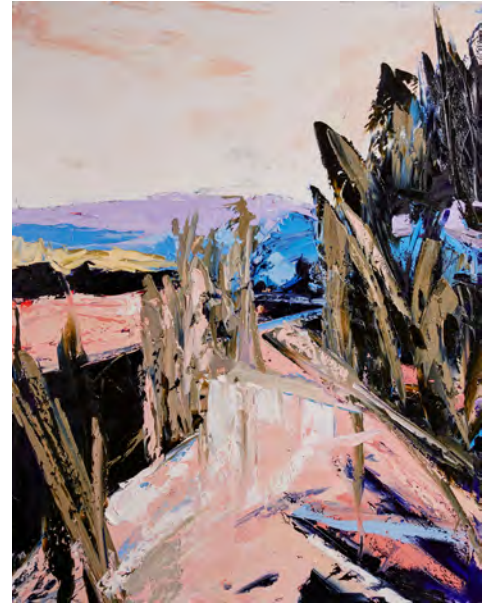


*The Strange and Capricious Land i*  
2021, oil on paper, 104 x 76cm

*The Strange and Capricious Land ii*  
2021, oil on paper, 104 x 76cm

*The Strange and Capricious Land iii*  
2021, oil on paper, 104 x 76cm





*The Barringtons Play Colours*

2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 150cm

*Blissfully Alone on This Craggy Outpost*

2021, oil on canvas, 150 x 120cm



*Waving Grasses, Yellow Billy Ridge*  
2021, oil on canvas, 50 x 152cm





*Sunday Afternoon*

2021, oil on canvas, 100 x 200cm



*Native Grasses Tall as Grain, Bowed, Waved and Rip*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 90cm



*Follow Me I Know the Way ii*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 90cm



*Journey to the Top, Broken Back Range*

2021, oil on canvas, 30 x 120cm

*Yellow Billy Point*

2021, oil on canvas, 30 x 120cm



*In Tones the Bushman Only Know*  
2021, oil on canvas, 120 x 150cm



*View from Yellow Billy, Broken Back Range*  
2021, oil on canvas, 50 x 152cm







*Autumn Sky, Pokolbin*  
2021, oil on wood, 30 x 120cm

*A Wide Expanse of Plain*  
2021, oil on wood, 30 x 120cm



*Forces of Nature*

2021, oil on canvas, 75 x 75cm



*Towards the Barringtons*

2021, oil on canvas, 75 x 75cm



*The Broken Back i*  
2021, oil on wood, 10 x 15cm



*The Broken Back ii*  
2021, oil on wood, 10 x 15cm



*Hunter Valley Plain i*  
2021, oil on wood, 13 x 23cm



*Hunter Valley Plain iii*  
2021, oil on wood, 13 x 23cm

*Hunter Valley Plain ii*  
2021, oil on canvas, 13 x 23cm



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