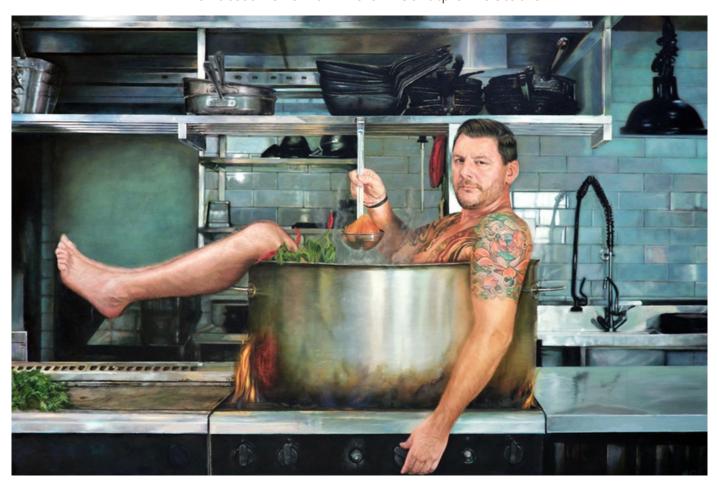
HAVE A JOYOUS HOLIDAYS

The Latest News from Mertim Gokalp's Art Studio



GOODBYE 2018

Bon Appetit, Oil on Wood Panel, 110 x 160 cm Winner of Hunters Hill Art Prize SOLD

Ready for the new year!

With the end of the year fast approaching, I wanted to reach out to my friends and collectors, and wish everyone a Happy Great New Year. I hope you are all ready for the Festive Season ahead.

To be honest, I am so looking forward for the new year. Here is a summary of the artistic creations, accomplishments, and inspirations of 2018.

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THE WINNER OF HUNTERS HILL ART PRIZE

Two years in a row

I have been awarded the Hunters Hill Art Prize two years in a row, last year with my painting titled, "Stigmata" and this year with my painting of famous celebrity chef Manu Feildel, title "Bon Appetit." Bon Appetit was also exhibited at S. H Irwin Gallery as part of their Salon des Refuses Exhibition.

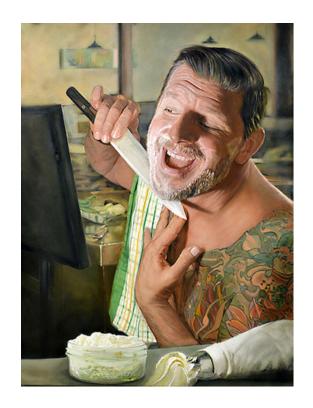
Manu has been a delight to work with and he has been very luck for me. As you would remember, I won the Kennedy Art Prize last year with another painting of Manu. Both of these paintings have found their home.



FEATURED IN DAILY TELEGRAPH



Stigmata, Oil on canvas, 120 x 90 cm Winner of Hunters Hill Art Prize 2017 Available for Purchase \$6000



WINNER OF KENNEDY ART PRIZE 2017

Getting Ready for Dinner, Oil on canvas, 120 x 90 cm Acquired



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Equality, Leading the People, 2018 150 x 200 cm Available for Purchase \$10000

"Equality, Leading the People" is a painting inspired by the famous painting of Delacroix, "Liberty Leading the People" with a modern twist. Referencing to the marriage equality movement, the painting attempts to invite viewers to think about the history of the LGBTI battle. Now that the marriage equality is a reality in Australia, the painting is a celebration of this achievement as every step taken is one closer to World Peace and Equality.

This painting has been exhibited at Maitland Regional Art Gallery: MRAG, and has been shortlisted as a semi-finalist in the Doug Moran Portrait Prize 2018.



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Whirling, 2018 120 x 90 cm Oil in canvas Sold



The girl with Peacock, 2018 120 x 90 cm Oil on canvas Sold



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Black Balloon, 2018 180 x 90 cm Oil on board Available for purchase \$5000



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Portrait of Matt Bekier CEO of Star Entertainment Group, 2018 Oil on canvas

Portrait Commission



when you buy a painting or commission a portrait by the end of January 2019.

Just reference the code: GOODBYE2018

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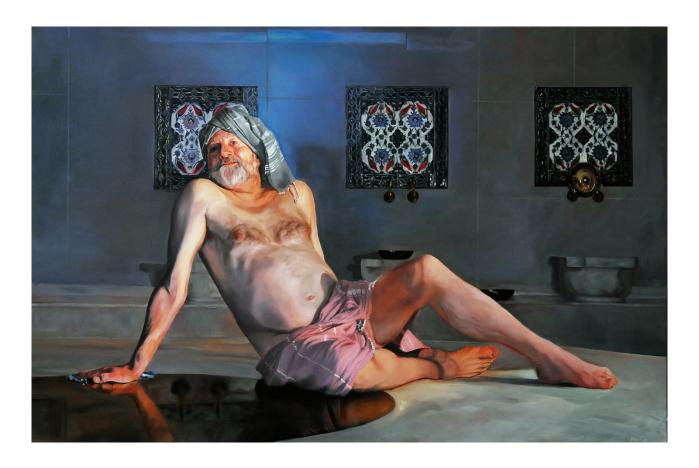
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PERSONAL NEWS

STRAWBERRY LOVE

My little munchkin is almost two year old. Not a strawberry loving baby anymore as I captured her when she was 6 months old, more of a watermelon loving curious toddler, full of energy and love.





FAREWELL TO OUR BUTTERFLY

We were expecting our second girl in September, however things did not go as expected. Our little baby was stillborn at 39+ weeks. We named her Zaja and she was a beautiful perfect baby.

We know our hearts will take time to heal and we appreciate your care and support in our grief

