

## Artist – Still Life, Portraiture

Rika Whitlock is an Australian artist, born in South Africa.

A self- taught artist working in acrylics, Rika's inspiration comes from people, colour and nature. Rika operated her own hairdressing salon for over thirty – five years, developing a love for portraiture.

Rika's body of work includes entries in Major Australian Art prizes: such as the Archibald Prize and the Darling Portrait Prize.

Rika works mainly on commission, and can be found on Instagram @ riek\_art

## **Artist Statement**

Being able to create gives me immense joy and satisfaction. Music is a big part of my life and I love to paint with loud music. When people look at my work, I want them to feel and remember.

Studying someone's face gives me joy. I'm very good at reading people which always gives me a deeper meaning of who I'm painting, with emotions attached to the work.

My life's mission - to try and add value wherever I go and make this world a better place, with respect for everyone who should cross my path.















