

## **Richard Heley**

### **CV: (abbreviated)**

B 29.05.1950 Bedfordshire, UK

1965 Migrated with family to Melbourne Australia

1969-73 Melbourne College of Education (Specialist art & craft teacher training - graduated 1973 Higher Diploma of teaching (art & craft))

1974 Returned to live in West London

1974-2023 Worked as teacher, workshop leader, builder, artist.

### **Experience**

Fine art painter, poet, storywriter, songwriter

60+ interactive paintings with children aged 4 -16 in UK, USA, Australia, SouthAfrica In schools, festivals, galleries, nightclubs, community workshops

Including Interactive paintings at Glastonbury Festival, Notting Hill Carnival, London Zoo, Austin International poetry festival USA, Houston International Poetry Festival USA, Birmingham School for the Deaf, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Nottingham

45 years of workshops in art and poetry

UK poetry slam champion 1997

International performance poet with 5 tours of USA

Curated: Maida Hill Place Gallery, London and Jasmine Cottage Gallery, Derby

### **Websites**

[www.richardheley.com](http://www.richardheley.com)

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### **Artists Statement:**

I bring the colours of Australia where I spent my teenage and college years, the wild psychedelia of the 60's and 70's, the delight in painting interactively with children, the spiritual expansion of an internationally performing poetry slam champion, the sheer energy of painting "live" in nightclubs at 142 beats a minute and a lifetime's practice of letting it all fall out of me onto canvas or paper. I hope that my paintings confirm that the path of least resistance to manifesting your desires is happiness.