



## **ALLEN MADDOX** b. 1948-2000, b. England lived in New Zealand

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Allen Maddox is remembered as being one of New Zealand's finest exponents of abstract expressionism. His work, spanning over three decades, investigates the tensions between structure and gesture, primarily utilising the motifs of grids and crosses.

Maddox was born in Liverpool, England and as a young teenager moved to New Zealand. He based himself in New Zealand and exhibited throughout the country from the mid-1970s until his passing in 2000. Despite a relatively short career, Maddox's works are held in significant public collections throughout the country including Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa Tongarewa, The Chartwell Collection and Auckland Art Gallery.

Gow Langsford Gallery represented Allen Maddox from 1987 and continues to represent his estate.

### **EDUCATION**

**1967-68** Ilam School of Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, Christchurch

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

**2017** *Cross Rhythms*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

**2011** *Allen Maddox*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

**2009** Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

**2006** *Survey Exhibition*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

**2002** Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

**2000** *Allen Maddox: A Tribute, Works from Wellington Collections*, City Gallery Wellington  
Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

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*Charlie Horse Strikes Again*, 1997, oil on canvas, 2435 x 2435 mm

- 1997** Canterbury Gallery, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1996** Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1994** Janne Land Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1993** Centre for Contemporary Art, Hamilton, New Zealand  
Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
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- 1990** Gregory Flint Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1989** *Allen Maddox: A Selection of Works on Paper*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1988** Southern Cross Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1987** Hawkes Bay Art Gallery and Museum, Napier, New Zealand
- 1986** *Maddox at Muka*, Muka Studio, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1985** Peter McCleavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
*New Paintings and Works on Paper*, Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1984** Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1983** Peter McCleavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1982** Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand



- 1981** Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1980** *Allen Maddox: A Survey 1975 -1980*, Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1979** Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1978** Peter Webb Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
Barry Lett Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
Peter McCleavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1977** *New Works on Paper*, Peter Webb Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
Peter McCleavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
Denis Cohn Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1976** Peter Webb Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1975** Bett/Duncan Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1974** Elva Bett Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1973** *Collage Paintings*, Bett/Duncan Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019** *Almost Blue*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland
- 2017** *Celebrating 30 Years*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland
- 2009** *Clock the Ton*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland
- 2004-05** *Militant Artists Reunion. Three Neo-Expressionist Painters. Tony Fomison, Philip Clairmont and Allen Maddox*, Hawkes Bay Exhibition Centre, Hastings
- 2001** *Catalogue Exhibition*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland
- 1998** Marshal Seifert Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand, with Jeffery Harris
- 1997** *Spring Ten Year Catalogue Exhibition*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1996** *20th Century New Zealand Art*, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
*Spring Catalogue Exhibition*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand



*Untitled, c. 1992, oil and acrylic on cotton, 830 x 630mm*

- 1995** *Works on Paper*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1991-92** *Christmas Show*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1991** Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
*Black and White Show*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1989** Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1988** *Ruth Watson and Allen Maddox*, Southern Cross Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
*Jeffrey Harris: Aquatints / Allen Maddox: Paintings*, Gow Langsford Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1987** *Allen Maddox and Tony Lane: Lithographs and Paintings*, Southern Cross Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1983** *Aspects of Recent New Zealand Art: the grid, lattice and network*, Auckland, Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1982** *The Great Deassession Exhibition*, Govett-Brewster Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- 1981** *Permanent Collection Exhibition*, Govett-Brewster Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand  
*Permanent Collection Exhibition*, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1980** *Hangings: New Zealand Paintings form the 70's from the Permanent Collection*, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1979** *Recent Acquisitions*, Auckland, Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1977** *Group Exhibition*, Peter McCleavey Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand  
*Young Contemporaries*, Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand
- 1975** *3 Wellington Painters: Allen Maddox, Tony Lane, and Robert McLeod*, Peter McCleavey Gallery, Wellington



3 Sacks, 1978, oil on primed hessian, 1268 x 975 mm; 1268 x 1030 mm; 1268 x 980 mm

## AWARDS

**1976-78** Finalist Benson and Hedges Art Award

**1978** Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council Award

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

*100 New Zealand Paintings*, Warwick Brown, Godwit Publishing, 1995

*Allen Maddox*, Hamish Keith, Gow Langsford Gallery, 1996

*A Concise History of New Zealand Paintings*, Michael Dunn, David Bateman, Craftsman House, 1991

*Contemporary New Zealand Art 3*, Elizabeth Caughey & John Gow, David Bateman, 2002

*Forty Modern New Zealand Paintings*, Francis Pound, Penguin Books, Auckland, New Zealand, 1985

*The Grid, Lattice and Network: Aspects of Recent New Zealand Art*, Andrew Bogle, Auckland Art Gallery, 1983

*New Zealand Art. A Modern Perspective*, Elva Bett, Reed Methuen, 1986

*New Zealand Painting. A Concise History*, Michael Dunn, Auckland University Press, 2003

## SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

BNZ, Wellington, New Zealand

Fletcher Challenge, Auckland, New Zealand

Chartwell Collection, Auckland, New Zealand

James Wallace Collection, Auckland, New Zealand

Russell McVeigh McKenzie Bartlett & Co, Auckland, New Zealand

Auckland Art Gallery, New Zealand

Colenso, Auckland, New Zealand

Museum of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand

Govett Brewster Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand

Sarjeant Gallery, Wanganui, New Zealand

Bishop Suter Gallery, Nelson, New Zealand

## OBITUARIES

Richard McWhannell, Allen Maddox 1848 - 2000, *Art New Zealand*, No. 97 / Summer 2000 / 2001, p 44