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The Evening Primroses!

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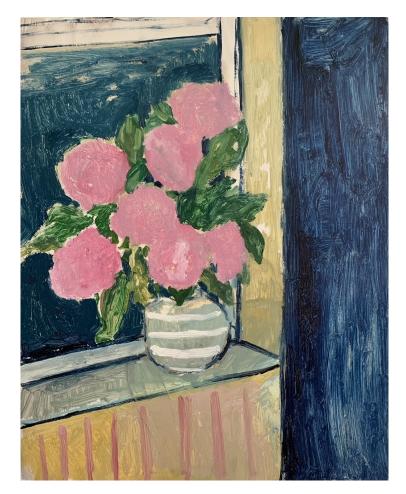
The paintings gather three motifs – flowers, moths, and moons. The flowers stand in for our recollections, our sensations, our vibrant emotional lives, and our very alive-ness. The moths embody the part of us drawn to beauty and light, the part that races about, spinning in and out of what we find most lovely for the time we exist. The moon suggests waxing and waning over the course of a human life. The moon is a calm and motherly presence. The moon illuminates and conceals, and ushers us quietly through our night.

Heather Miller is a self-taught artist and mother of two, living and working on unceded Cammeraygal land in Sydney. She was a finalist in the Portia Geach Memorial Award in 2020 and 2023, the 2022 Salon des Refuses and the 2023 Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize, emerging artist category. She was also a semi-finalist in the 2021 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize. This is her first solo show in a gallery. Heather's focus is usually on portraiture and the human figure. *the evening primroses!* marks an expansion of her practice. She seeks to carry over into this new body of work her obsession with the emotional quality of colour and her intent to paint in a way that is sensitive and tender.

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THE EVENING PRIMROSES





There Were Flowers

Oil on Board	
51 x 41 cm	
Framed	
\$1050	



The Arum Lilies

Oil on Board 51 x 41 cm Framed \$1050



There Were Irises

Oil on Board	
46 x 36 cm	
Framed	
\$950	



Every Flower Seems to Burn by Itself, Softly

Oil on Board	
40 x 30 cm	
Framed	
\$900	

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It Was the Moment Between Six and Seven

How Fresh, Like Frilled Linen

Oil on Board

46 x 36 cm

Framed

\$950

Oil on Board
41 x 31 cm
Framed
\$900



There Were Roses

Oil on Board	
41 x 31 cm	
Framed	
\$900	



Arum Lilles / Being Laid Out Like A Mist

Oil on Board	
51 x 41 cm	
Framed	
\$1050	

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Dark and Prim the Red Carnations

Oil on Board	
40 x 30 cm	
Framed	
\$900	



She Sliced Like A Knife Through Everything

Oil on Board	
60 x 50 cm	
Framed	
\$1200	

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How She Loved The Grey White Moths

Oil on Board

30 x 30 cm

Framed

\$700



The Moths I
Oil on Board
15 x 15 cm
Framed
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\$200

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The Moths II

Oil on Board		
15 x 15 cm		
Framed		
\$200		

The Moths III	
Oil on Board	
15 x 15 cm	
Framed	
\$200	



For Kind She Had Been

Oil on Arch Board
75 x 60 cm
Unframed
\$1250



The Silence; The Mist; The Hum

Oil on Board 41 x 31 cm Framed \$900

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An Absurd and Faithful Passion



In Being Well, In Being Loved

Oil on Board	Oil on Board
41 x 31 cm	51 x 41 cm
Framed	Framed
\$900	\$1050



The Hour, Irrevocable

Oil on Board		
51 x 41 cm		
Framed		
\$1050		



After the Superb Summers Day / It Was June

Oil on Board

80 x 60 cm

Framed



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