

Murray Charteris

Energy and Motion

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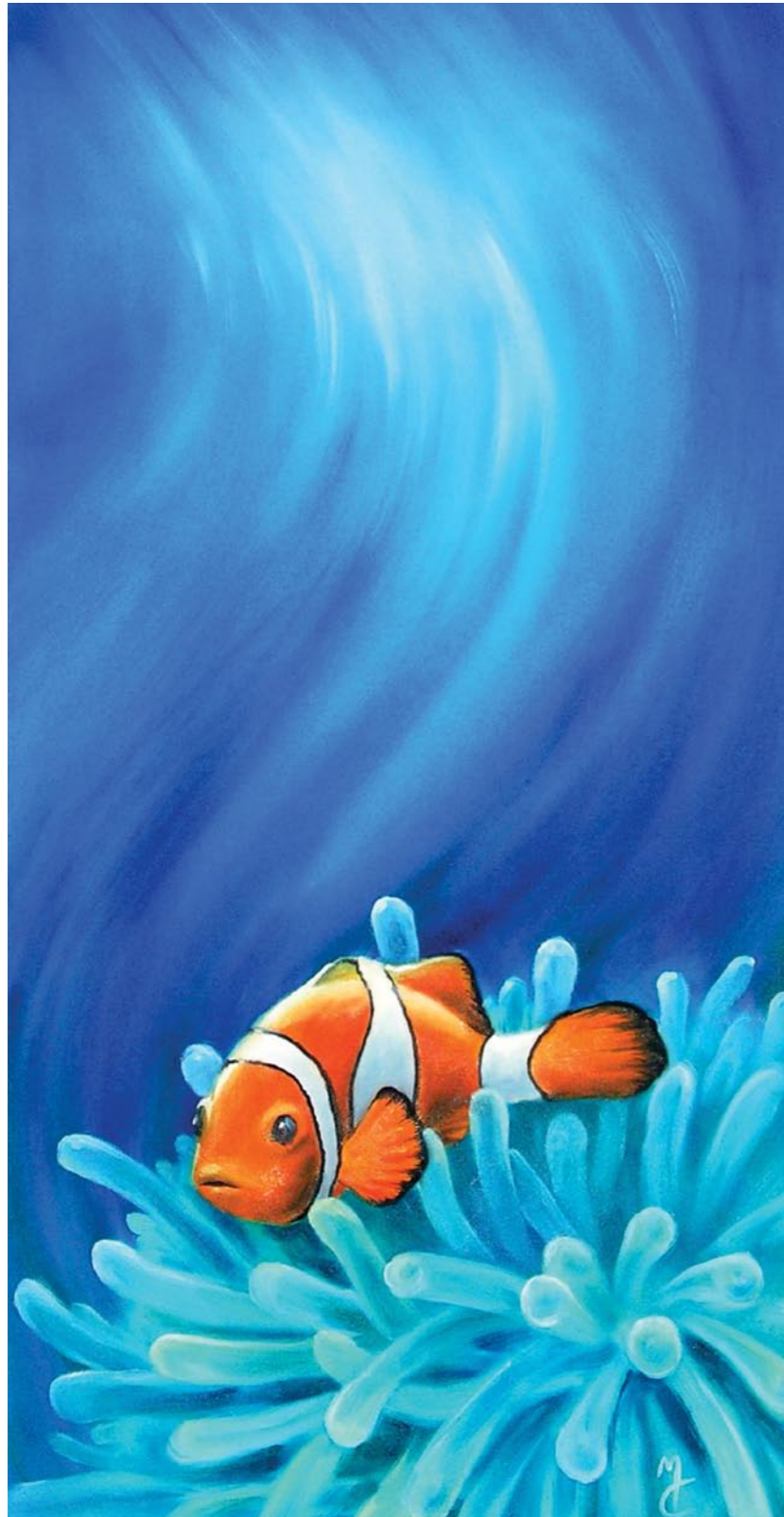
In the booming coastal Queensland town of Hervey Bay, a richly talented artist is building a successful creative business based on his rare illustrative skills.

Murray Charteris is quickly gaining a reputation for his dynamic energy-filled fine art. His bold colours and powerful compositions come together to produce artwork that is increasingly sought after. His original paintings are seemingly being snapped up faster than they can be produced.

Murray started painting at a very early age. During his childhood, he was tutored by several artists throughout Brisbane.

After studying animation for three years at Queensland College of Art in Brisbane, Murray built a successful career from his animation skills. He became renowned for creating 3D computer animation and special effects for television commercials and programs in Australia and overseas.

Spending a year in Papua New Guinea was a highlight of Murray's artistic development.



“Experiencing the different culture and artwork in New Guinea opened my eyes to experimenting with different techniques; and the landscape was so beautiful,” he says.

On his return to Australia in 1995, Murray started work with prominent Australian television network Channel Nine – where he quickly gained a reputation for his design. Murray was placed in charge of the Videographics Department in Brisbane in 1997 and he led a very strong videographics team for nearly 12 years. During this time, Murray Charteris won a Gold World Medal in the New York Festivals. He has twice been a finalist in the Australian Effects and Animation Festival.

Murray's real passion has always been drawing and painting. In 2007, Murray settled at Hervey Bay where he has devoted his time to his art. He now works as a full-time artist.

“Painting is what I really love to do. I love to create new worlds that could only have once



existed in my imagination," he relates. "I like to create a feeling of energy and motion in my art."

Murray's subjects commonly include local wildlife and birdlife; as well as his renowned caricatures.

His fresh business enterprise, Bay Art and Design, has recently opened the Murray Charteris Art Gallery in Hervey Bay on Queensland's coast. The gallery showcases his brilliant work alongside the paintings of some other Hervey Bay artists.

The gallery has a room set aside for artists to exhibit their own work; along with a working studio for art lessons and an art materials store.

Murray is really excited about the opportunities which his gallery space presents. This talented man is rapidly growing his reputation in the art community for his dynamic creativity and his commitment to succeed.

An extremely versatile artist, Murray Charteris enjoys working in most mediums and can adapt his style from realism to cartooning. His caricatures



have become very popular with local people at Hervey Bay.

He delights in the natural environment surrounding his new home.

"I have always wanted to live here ... it is just such a beautiful location for an artist, full of inspiring scenery with unspoilt beaches and Fraser Island on the doorstep," he explains.

He nurtures grand ambitions for his

artistic future, his gallery, and even his artist peers.

"There are many talented creative people in the Hervey Bay region and I am excited about giving them opportunities, through my gallery, to prosper as artists," he says. "I am hoping to promote much wider recognition for the Hervey Bay art community."

Visitors to his gallery can often watch artists at work, and Murray is also conducting lessons for beginners and workshops for experienced artists.

Murray Charteris and his gallery have brought new energy and motion to Hervey Bay ... a stunning part of Australia where art and beauty are bound to flourish. ■

