



The Welcome Swallow Gallery

PEAKS



Michael Barker Whakapapa, Five Peaks

30th January – 21st March 2026

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Presenting the Welcome Swallow Gallery's 40th exhibition does feel like reaching a summit of sorts. PEAKS plays homage to the many artists throughout history who have sought to capture nature's behemoths.*

Vincent Van Gogh was obsessed with painting the mountains at Saint-Remy. Likewise, Paul Cezanne portrayed Mount Saine-Victoire over 80 times, using planes of colour to create dramatic post-impressionist compositions. In the latter half of the 19th century Thomas Moran famously captured iconic images of Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon. In New Zealand, artists such as Peter McIntyre and Rita Angus typically used moderne, stylized methods to capture the mountains of Central Otago.

An artist's desire to paint nature's peaks rests on several well-established criteria. Turner saw such structures as 'sublime,' encompassing beauty with overwhelming awe and indeed terror. For Chinese artists, landscapes stand as the pinnacle of artistic representation, where mountains explore philosophical and spiritual aspects of nature, embracing a sense of harmony and tranquillity.

*See back page for examples

Strength, with stability and introspection can often be found in mountain compositions, while *The Hudson River School* painters such as Thomas Cole portrayed mountains as resplendent of a pristine divine American wilderness reflected in national identity.

And this should be said. In the land of *Sir Edmund Hillary* a colossus who strode across his mountainous world, one cannot imagine viewing the compositions presented in this exhibition without considering the possibility of actually climbing them!

Paced by award winning and new gallery artist *Michael Barker*, the PEAKS exhibition captures the full range of New Zealand mountain scenery. The insights and interpretations of each artist are as majestic as the vistas themselves. Rope up and reach for the summit. All of them.

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EXHIBITION ARTISTS

Michael Barker

Sue Currie

Gaen

Aston Greathead

Yong Ming Liu

Bernadette Parsons

Martin Necas

Juliet Roper

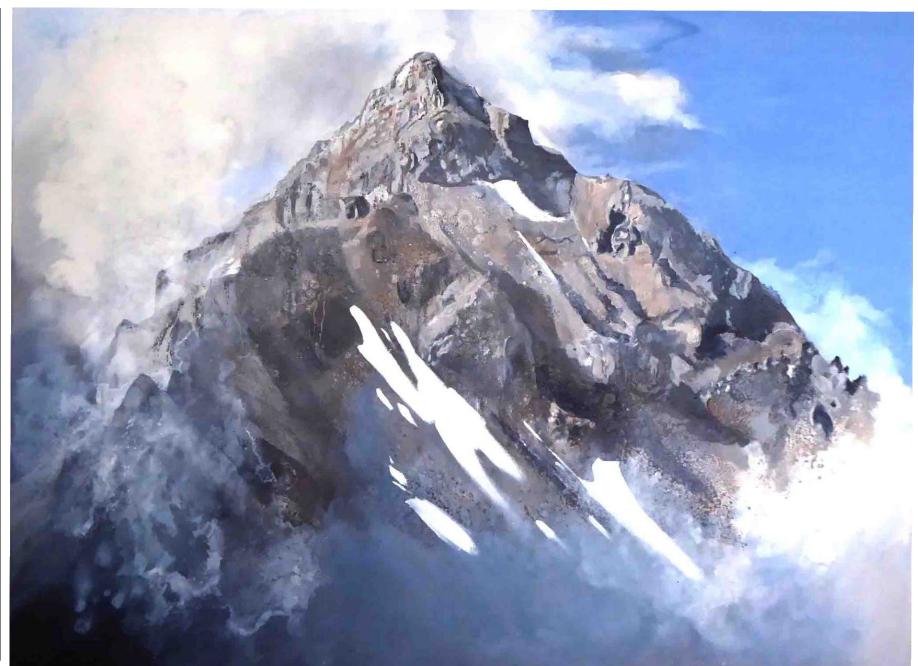


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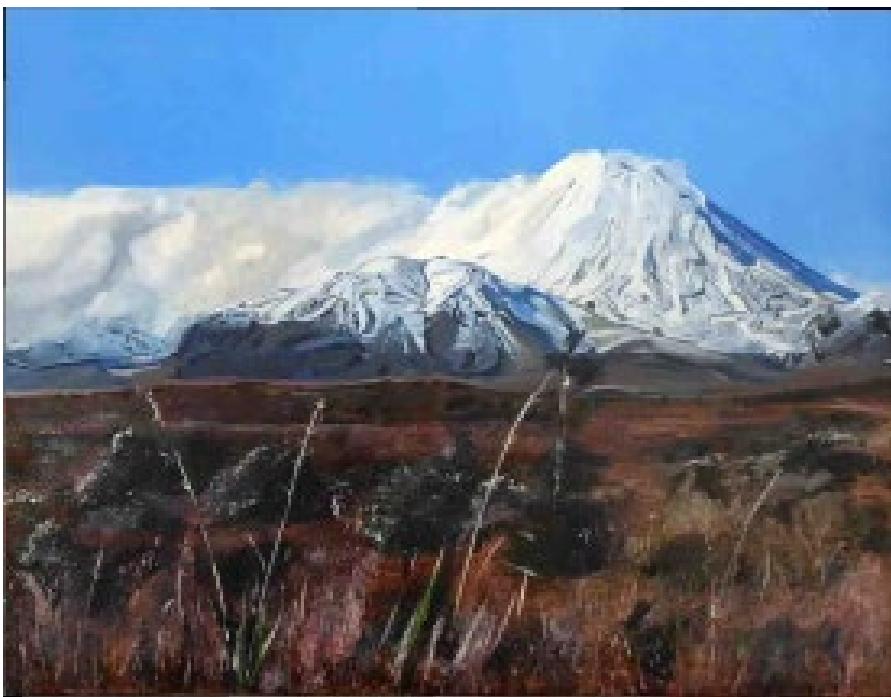
Michael Barker
Whakapapa,
Five Peaks
Oil on Canvas
900x1200mm
Price: \$5000

2.



Michael Barker
Summer Melt
Oil on Canvas
900x1200mm
Price: \$5000

3.



Michael Barker
Ngauruhoe
Oil on Canvas
900x1200mm
Price: \$5000

4.



Juliet Roper
Chalk Peaks of Ahuahu, Great Mercury Island
Acrylic on Wood Panel.
410x600mm
Price: \$1280



5.

Juliet Roper

Last Light

Acrylic, Mixed Media on

Paper, Wood Panel

240x240mm

Price: \$750

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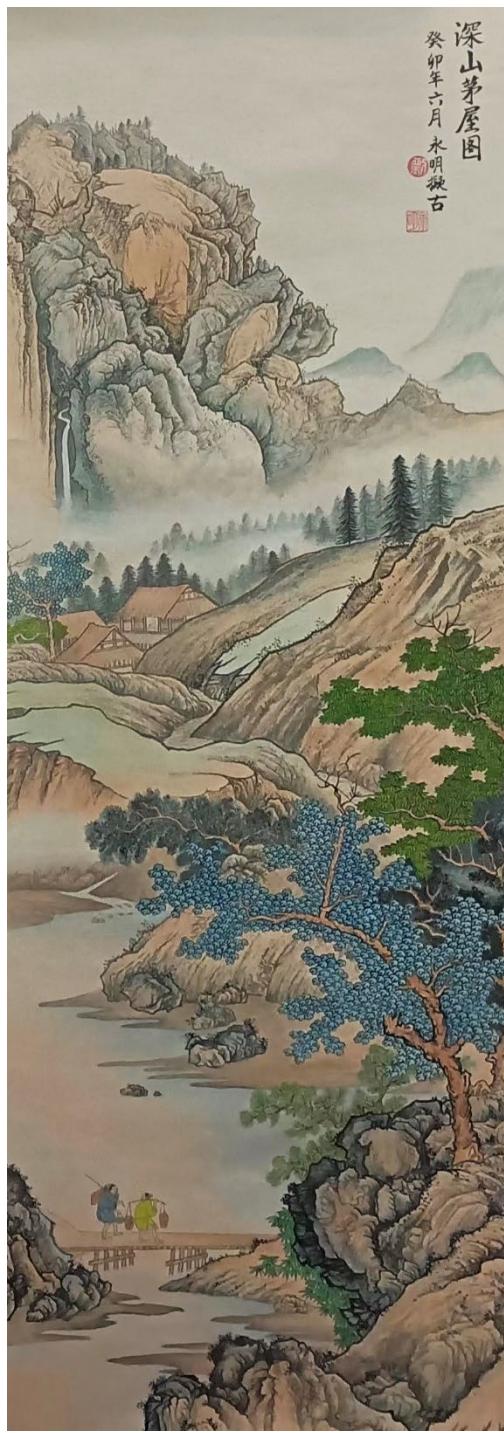
Juliet Roper

Remembering Mt. Sefton

Acrylic, Mixed Media, Wood Panel

745x390mm

Price: \$1350



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Yong Ming Liu

Small House in the Mountain

《深山茅屋图》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice Paper

1310x490mm

Price: \$4100

Yong Ming Liu
Mountain, Pine and Spring
《青山松泉图》

Watercolour on Chinese Rice
Paper

Size: 1000x500mm

Price: \$3750

9.



Gaen

Take my Breath Away,

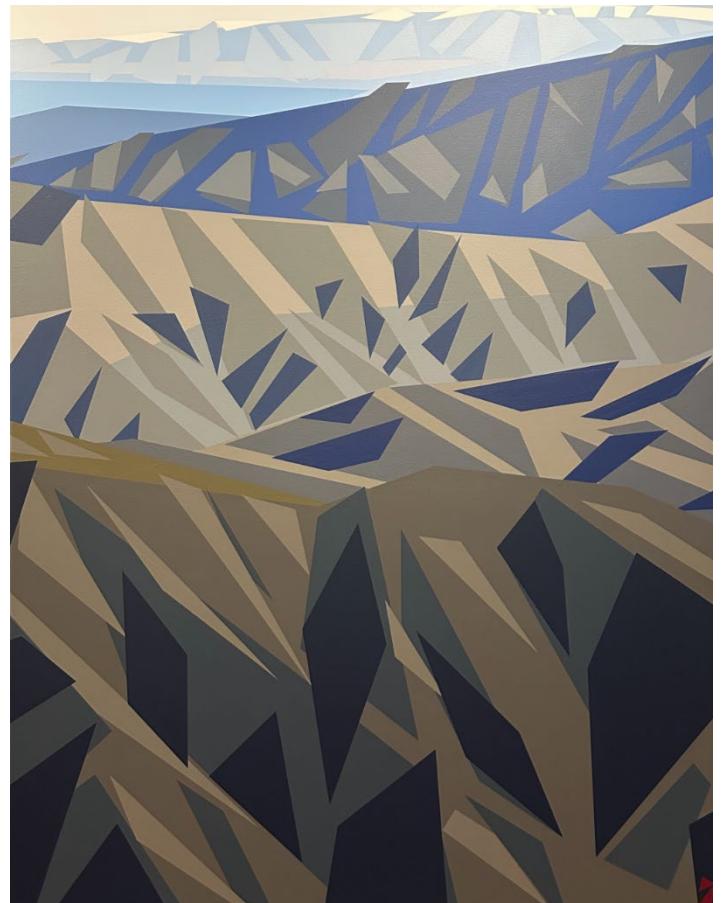
Southern Alps

1130x1430mm

Acrylic on Canvas

Price: \$5900

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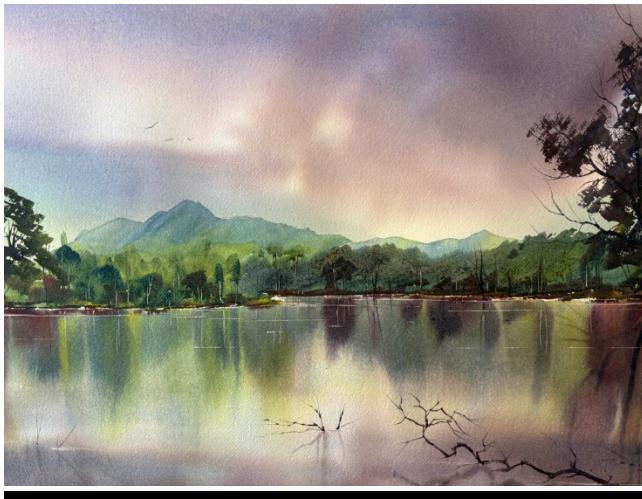
The Edge of Fondness,
Mount Sinclair, Canterbury

1730x830mm

Acrylic on Canvas

Price: \$6800

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Martin Necas

Taupiri Range

Watercolour

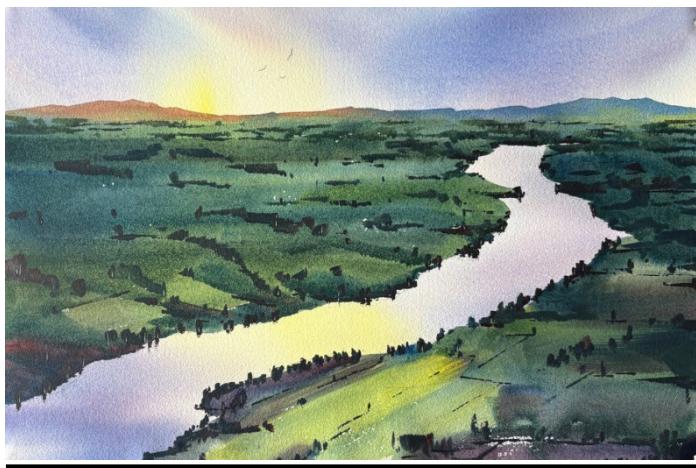
559x762mm

Price: \$2200

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Martin Necas

Flowing North to Mt. Maungatautari

Watercolour

381x559mm

Price: \$750

Martin Necas

Rain Lifting at Mt. Ruapehu

Watercolour

381x559mm

Price: \$850



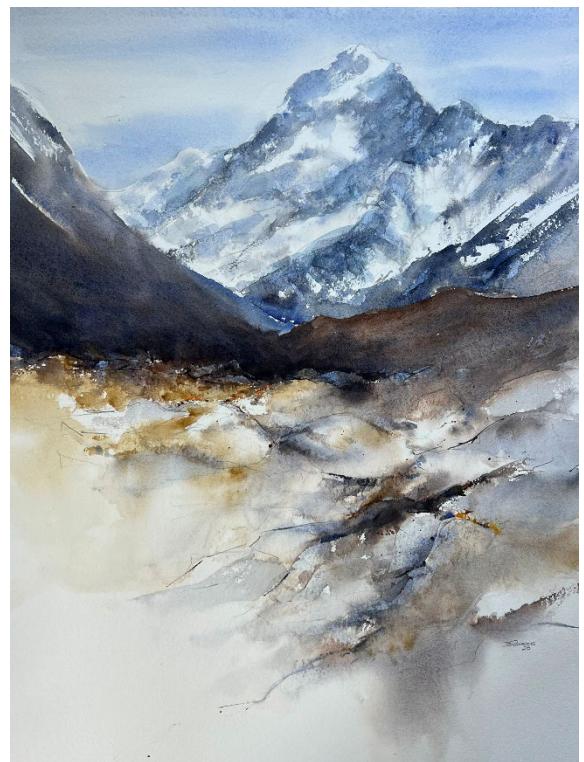
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Bernadette Parsons

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Bernadette Parsons

Moehau Range

Watercolour

750x750mm

Price: \$2600

Bernadette Parsons

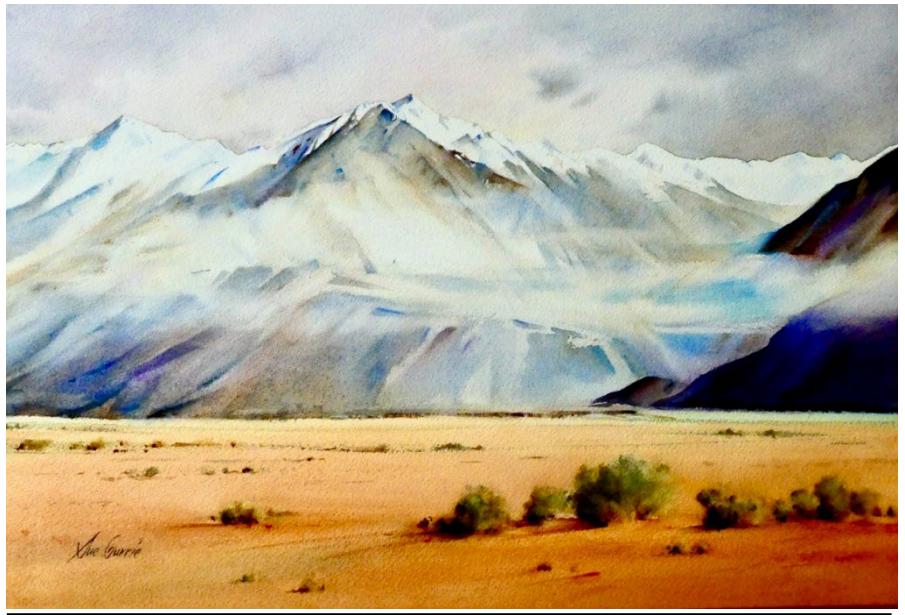
Aoraki, Mount Cook

Watercolour

940x750mm

Price: \$3400

17.



Sue Currie

At the Foot of the Mountains

Mt. White Station – Arthur's Pass

Watercolour & Pastel

600x800mm

Price: \$2600

18.



Sue Currie

Mountains Around Every Corner Arthur's Pass

Watercolour & Pastel

590x780mm

Price: \$2600



19.

Aston Greathead

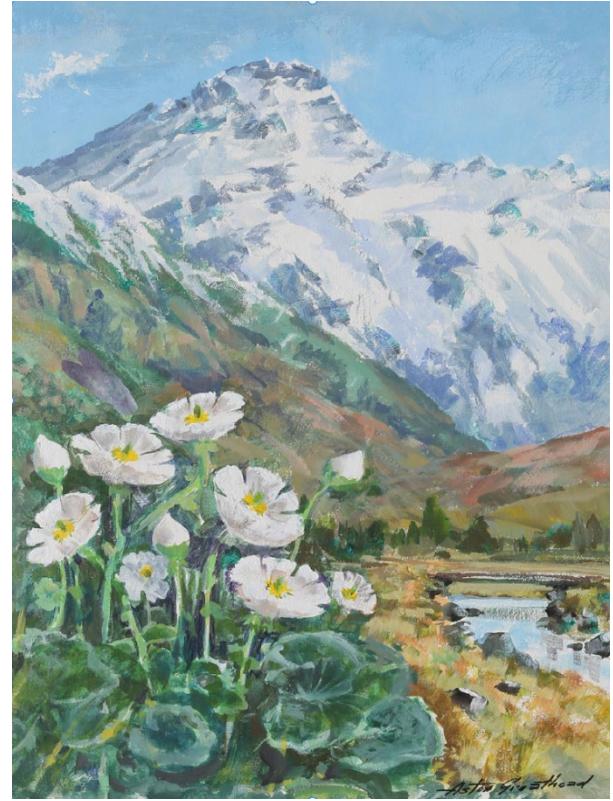
Leibig Range, Tasman

Oil on board

450x600mm

Price: \$2100

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Aston Greathead

Mount Sefton with Mt. Cook Lilies

Acrylic on board

490x360mm

Price: \$2100

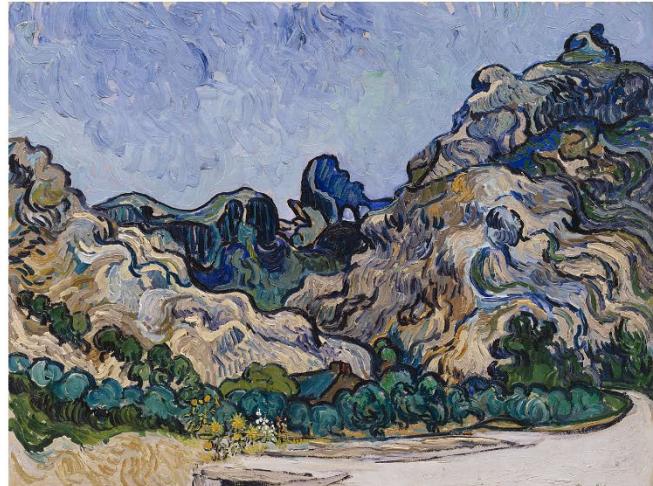
Great things are done when men and mountains meet

Gnomic Verses, 1793 - *William Blake*

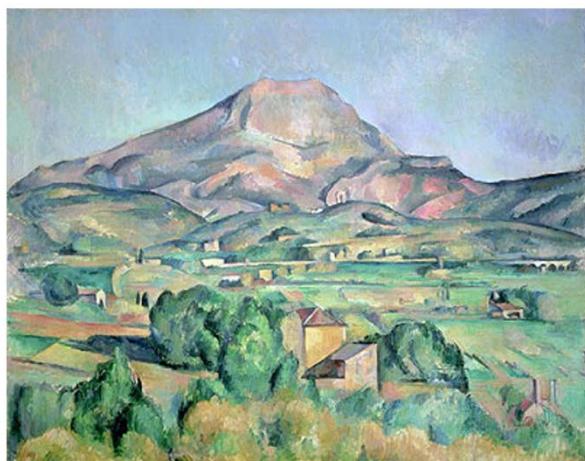
Quoted from its time



Thomas Moran, *The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone*, 1875



Vincent van Gogh, *Mountains at Saint-Remy*, 1889



Paul Cezanne, *Montagne, Sainte-Victoire*, 1902



J M W Turner, *Village Bonneville Savoy France foothills of the Alps Mont Blanc*, 1803

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