



Max Gillies by Keith Looby, Winner, Archibald Prize 1984.

Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery

Friday 27th August 2021

6.30 PM

LOOBY | Free Film Screening and Q&A

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Join us as we screen 'LOOBY', a documentary on acclaimed and controversial painter Keith Looby, followed by a Q&A with the film's producer.

Archibald Prize winner Keith Looby won major prizes at home and abroad. Today his name and works are rarely seen.

Perhaps a habit of drawing colonialism, painting non-conformists and speaking up made Looby persona non grata? With sumptuous cinematography, candid interviews and a striking original score, LOOBY uncovers the life and work of an artist we need to remember.

Following interstate screenings, rave reviews at the Melbourne Documentary Film Festival and a Sydney premiere at the National Art School, **LOOBY is screening across Australia throughout 2021.**

Born in Sydney, Keith Looby entered the National Art School as a 15-year-old and graduated with an unmistakable style **that went on to win Australian painting's highest plaudits including the Sulman, Blake and Archibald prizes. The latter with Max Gillies as Bob Hawke (above).**

Looby's insistence on painting controversial figures – from communist Rupert Lockwood to feminist Anne Summers– **won him few friends in power.** Likewise, his illustrations on the horrors of colonialism – *Black and White History of Australia* – remain confronting today.

As the indigenous artist and frequent Archibald finalist Blak Douglas remarks, "In the sixties, when these were created, **it was an incredibly gallant thing to be portraying this kind of imagery** – because it wasn't far off the referendum!"

LOOBY's original score complements the mercurial moods of the man, while calm cinematography invites viewers to luxuriate in the striking figures and expansive scale of his work. **LOOBY lets us all appreciate what establishment tastemakers no longer can.**

Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery Hours Weekdays 10am-4pm Weekends 9am-1pm

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