

Richard Adams, Atticus Limited

A contemporary artist, Richard Adams first exhibited his works in 1982 at the Molesworth Gallery in Wellington.

Since then the now Auckland based artist has achieved national and international recognition. He has exhibited in New Zealand, Dubai, Tokyo, Sydney, New York and London.

In addition to painting, Richard is also an established musician, playing Jazz violin for Nairobi Trio. He has published a book of poems and co-directed and acted in a feature film 'Artman'. Richard tells Ponsonby News...

"I live in Brown Street in Ponsonby. My partner is Sarah and we have a son Jasper who is 11. Jasper is about to start at Ponsonby Intermediate. I also have a grown up daughter Tess and two grandchildren who live in Sydney.

We have a dog Messi (Jasper named him after the soccer player). I bike and scooter most days and usually make my way to the beach in Herne Bay for a swim. I'm spending this holiday at home painting (although we did have a great trip to the States for Christmas).

Your best friend would say of you...

I am a creature of habit.

Your mother would say of you...

I was a determined dreamer.

What are your virtues?

Good wine.

And your vices?

Far too much of it - and apparently I talk too much.

Who's your ultimate rock icon?

Has to be Mick Jagger.

What's your secret passion?

Travel. I'll go anywhere, any time.

What's your secret talent?

Getting the window seat on an aeroplane.

What is your perfect Sunday?

A game of soccer with Jasper and dinner at home.

What's inspired you recently?

The Grand Canyon - magnificent.



What were you going to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a seagull at one point... My mother was a big influence on me as a child. She was a classically trained violinist and taught me to play but she also gave me a huge appreciation of all the arts. There was never an alternative for me.

What's your favourite Ponsonby cafe?

Bambina.

Favourite Ponsonby restaurant?

Prego and Ponsonby Bistro.

Favourite Ponsonby store?

Cyclo.

Favourite fashion store?

Fifth Avenue.

Name your desert island distraction:

Audio books and jazz - preferably Miles Davis.

The house is on fire and your family is safe - what do you save?

My mother's violin. Also my computer as it has 50,000 photos.

One thing you have learned about life is...?

You have to believe in yourself and listen to your children!

What is your standout sale?

My standout sale of the last 12 months was a commission for an ex prime minister." **PW**

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Spending most of 2014 hidden behind covered scaffolding at their Jervois Road office, Four Walls Architecture has now emerged as one of Ponsonby's leading local practices.

"It was good to see out our windows again!" says Amy Hendry, founder of the practice. The building underwent a long-awaited maintenance overhaul, and it is fitting that an architecture practice has moved in to such a local landmark.

Amy and co-director Claire Paterson believe in creating architecture that is informed by the site, the client, their budget and brief. "That may sound prosaic, but we avoid applying a particular 'style' to our architecture," says Amy. "Instead it's about finding the crux of the project and marrying those core components through original, thoughtful and environmentally responsible design."

Four Walls Architecture focuses primarily on residential and small scale commercial design, in both renovations and new builds. "We approach every project with a clean slate: we consider how the client, their site, their budget and brief will affect planning, form, materials and finishes. Our clients can expect their project to be one of a kind."

The company also prides themselves on client relationships. "At all stages of their project our clients can expect excellent design, clear communication, thorough drawing and specifications and friendly, dedicated service," says Claire.

Amy and Claire have over 20 combined years of experience in award winning residential and commercial architecture across Auckland and New Zealand. New clients are welcome to stop by or call the office at any time. "There's no obligation," says Amy, "we'd love to talk about your project and how we can help." **PW**

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