



ART ON THE MOVE

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Introduction to Trevor Richards

Trevor Richards lives and works in Fremantle, Western Australia. His practice encompasses painting, sculpture, video, photography and installation. He is widely recognised for his formally structured, minimalist approach to painting that is informed by his sustained engagement with a limited range of colours and an admiration for the commonplace.

“Roll the Tape represents the evolution of my practice over a twenty-year period. The exhibition showcases a range of works, from hard-edge abstract paintings, to wall and floor based sculptural works that explore bold colour, geometric shape, and pattern. The works draw on a wide range of historic and contemporary sources, including Islamic patterns and mosaic tiles, architectural modelling and tessellations. These influences combine within a minimalist, concrete art aesthetic reflecting my interest in the impact of built structures and pattern making in everyday life.

I have always enjoyed the process of putting paint on a canvas and seeing how it transforms the way the viewer looks at the surface. The human mind looks for pattern in chaos and for meaning in our environment and this is key to the experience of my work. The use of repetition in my works transforms static shapes into perceived movement. Alongside this repetition of shapes a limited colour palette has been a consistent feature of my practice for the past twenty years, allowing me to draw a unifying thread across a range of projects. I enjoy the process of creating within limitations, like composing music within the confines of seven notes.”

– Trevor Richards

Digital Resources to Explore

Trevor Richard’s Website

<https://trevorrichards.art/home.html>

Video’s about Trevor Richards that can be shared in class

Tilt Films 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNorHXL31yO>

Fremantle Arts Centre – Ground Plane Exhibition

<https://www.fac.org.au/whats-on/post/trevor-richards-ground-plane/>

Explore the Geometry of Tessellations similar to Trevor’s art practice.

Watch this video in class before or after visiting the exhibition. Video by TED-Ed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg1NpMmPv48>

Inspirational Artists to explore in geomatic abstraction

Piet Mondrian

Frank Stella

Richard Paul Lohse

Ellsworth Kelly

Jan van der Ploeg

Francois Morrellet

Julio Le Parc

Bridget Riley

Agnes Martin