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ABC Arts presents *Creatives* - A season of five half hour biopics on significant established and emerging Australian artists.

***Rosemary Valadon: A Sensual World* - Tuesday 4 April, 10pm**



Looks at the art and influences of a multi award-winning Australian painter whose work has reinterpreted a distinctly Australian femininity and domestic aesthetic. With a career spanning 35 years, Valadon has won the Portia Geach Portrait Prize, the Blake Religious Art Prize, and Muswellbrook Art Prize, among others. She has been a finalist in the Archibald Portrait Prize seven times.

From her portraits of Germaine Greer, Ruth Cracknell and Noni Hazlehurst as archetypal figures, to a fascination with female criminals from the 1940's that inspired a provocative series "Wicked Women" featuring paintings of author Tara Moss, Crown Prosecutor Margaret Cunneen and actor Essie Davis as femme fatales, Valadon has recently moved to still life painting, capturing stunning images of lush abundance and classic still life imagery. Set against the dramatic change of seasons in regional NSW, this film is a portrait of a great contemporary Australian artist and the Hill End community that has been a deep source of strength and creative inspiration for her.

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