

Painter Ralph Heimans a rising star

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The Ralph Heimans portrait of US businesswoman Darla Moore. Source: Supplied

Sydney-born artist Ralph Heimans is earning recognition worldwide for his large-format, richly detailed portraits.

Among his portrait subjects are Dame Quentin Bryce, Crown Princess Mary of Denmark and the Queen, whose portrait, painted on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, is in the collection of Westminster Abbey.

Heimans's latest portrait, of US businesswoman and philanthropist Darla Moore, was unveiled on Friday at the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina. The painting shows Moore at the school when it was under construction, amid the dramatic perspective of the stairways.

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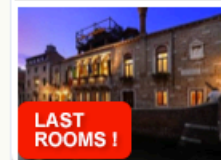


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MICHAEL BODEY

Josh Lawson's feature *The Little Death* has won an audience award this week at the South by Southwest Film Festival in Texas.



"Its dynamic composition reflects the energy and momentum of Darla as a business leader and as an individual," says Heimans, who lives in London. The portrait of Moore is his first of a prominent figure in the US. His other portraits include former High Court judge Michael Kirby and conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy.



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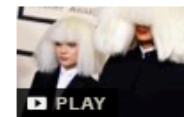
He may come across as an arrogant so-and-so, but there's a feeling that the 28-year-old Miles Teller offers something different.

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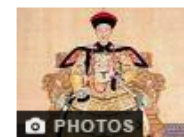


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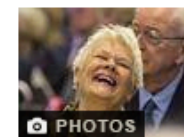


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