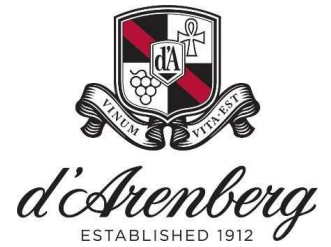




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## DALI at d'Arenberg

**“Salvador Dalí Art Exhibition and sale extended until May 2020”**

Art Evolution.com is pleased to announce that the current Salvador Dalí sculpture exhibition at d'Arenberg winery will be extended through 31 May 2020. The exhibition began in March this year and was scheduled to end on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. The response to the exhibition has been extremely strong, attracting thousands of art lovers from across Australia and Internationally.

In October, a seven metre tall monumental original Salvador Dalí “Triumphant Elephant”, which is valued at \$2.7 Million dollars, will arrive in Australia and be on display at d'Arenberg winery. This increases the overall value of the sculpture collection to nine million dollars. The Salvador Dalí sculpture collection has been exhibited in major cities and museums worldwide. The collection features several magnificent sculptures of Dalí's iconic soft watches. The message is that “Time reigns supreme over man, governing our existence in the real world”. This is particularly relevant as 2019 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of Salvador Dalí who died in 1989.

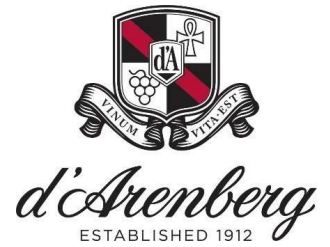
Also exhibited are paintings by Australia's own surrealist Charles Billich, whose artworks hang in the Vatican, The White House and the United Nations. A documentary movie on the life of Charles Billich was released this month at the Cannes Film Festival in the South of France.

### **About the Dali Universe**

This multi-Million Dollar exhibition which celebrates Dalí's life and legacy is on loan from the Dalí Universe in Switzerland.



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The Dalí Universe are owners of the largest collection of Salvador Dalí sculptures in the world. The Dalí Universe are International Dalí exhibition specialists who also manage the “Dali Paris” visitor museum in Montmartre Paris France.

### **About Art Evolution.com**

Art Evolution.com is a global, technology driven, online marketing and publishing company offering one of the largest curated art selections in the world. Since collaborating with the Dali Universe to tour the exhibition throughout Australasia we have chosen to exhibit in Iconic locations that are not only accessible but add another dimension to the exhibition, the d’Arenberg Cube has proved to be the perfect venue where together we are elevating art and wine experiences to an entirely different level.

### **About d’Arenberg**

Founded in 1912, d’Arenberg has firmly established itself as a world class winery, with a broad portfolio of award-winning wines. The opening of the d’Arenberg Cube in December 2017 saw the winery expand from the traditional cellar door to immersive food, wine and art experiences, including the formation of a contemporary art gallery, the Alternate Realities Museum, located on the ground floor.

### **About Salvador Dalí**

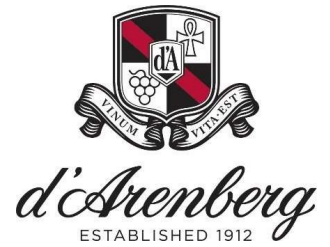
Salvador Dalí (1904 –1989) is regarded as a titan of modern art and one of the most important artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century along with Picasso, Matisse, Pollock and Warhol. His range of artistic talent included paintings, films, fashion, jewellery, architecture and sculpture. Surrealism emerged in the 1920’s and was heavily influenced by the studies of Sigmund Freud. Dalí is considered the most prominent representative of the surrealist movement; in fact by the 1930’s Dalí was inextricably linked with surrealism. His painting “Persistence of Memory” is considered the most important surrealist image ever created. Dalí also collaborated with Alfred Hitchcock “Spellbound” and Walt Disney “Destino”.

These authentic Salvador Dalí sculptures on exhibit all feature in the official catalogue of the artist’s work written by Robert Descharnes (1926- 2014) who for almost 40 years was Salvador Dalí’s close friend, secretary, photographer and collaborator. Robert Descharnes published numerous books on Dalí and is the undisputed global authority on the sculptural artworks of Salvador Dalí and in 2011 he was awarded the “Order of Arts and letters” by the French government. To this day his definitive catalogue raisonné “The Hard and the Soft” is regarded as the bible for Salvador Dalí collectors and is referenced by Sotheby’s and Christies auction houses and Museums worldwide.

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### **A Word from The Dalí Universe**

In 2019 we commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of The Master of Surrealism (Dalí died in January of 1989). Salvador Dalí would have been inspired and enchanted by the d'Arenberg estate. He loved seeing his artistic creations displayed at unusual, surreal locations - and of course the d'Arenberg Cube is precisely that! This unique and inspiring, architecturally-designed space provides the perfect backdrop for an exhibition of important Salvador Dalí sculptures and graphic artworks

In the wake of Salvador Dalí came a generation of fine Australian Surrealist artists such as Brett Whiteley, James Gleeson and Charles Billich. Dalí has had a strong and lasting legacy in this country. We hope that many Australian art lovers and members of the public will come and enjoy this exhibition.

James Sanders - International Project Manager, The Dalí Universe



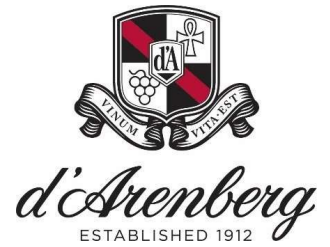
### **About Charles Billich**

Charles Billich is one of the most important living artists in the world and at 84 years of age he is also one of the most credentialed artists of all time. His paintings are collected globally and can also be found in the Vatican, the United Nations and the White house, he has been the official artist of many Olympics and was twice named USA sports academy artist of the year. In 2009 he was a recipient of the Florence Biennale, one of the world's most prestigious art awards.

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## **A Day of Surrealism**

Exhibition until 31 May 2020

Admission of \$20 includes entry to the d'Arenberg Cube, the Alternate Realities Museum and Salvador Dali sculpture exhibition.

Open | 10am to 5pm daily d'Arenberg Winery, 58 Osborn Road McLaren Vale South Australia

Admission | \$20

Children under 2 | Free

*Guests visiting d'Arry's Verandah Restaurant, The d'Arenberg Cube Restaurant, or a pre-booked wine masterclass gain access to the Dali exhibition for \$10. Please call the reservations team on (08) 8329 4888 to book your ticket.*

Exhibition tickets: [darenberg.com.au/dali-at-darenberg](http://darenberg.com.au/dali-at-darenberg)

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