

Peter Bonney

One of Bonney's great loves is getting into his car with his camera and driving into the Karoo to capture the beautiful scenery there. He uses the snapshots as references to produce life-like paintings of the South African landscape. Known as a hyper-realist, he calls his works "very realistic imaginary scenes", choosing not to paint every object in a setting.

While Bonney has no formal training as an artist, his love for the arts started as a young boy, when he'd arrive an hour earlier at school to draw and spend his weekends sketching. Despite his passion, though, he pursued another career until later in life, when he finally left the corporate world and jumped fully into art.

Playing with conceptualisation and improvisation, he creates works that capture the heritage of our country. With his brush, he creates impressions of detail.

Under the guidance of Chris Crake, who became his representative, Bonney's art works sold well in Crake's gallery. However, after 30 years, his dear friend passed away. His art is now available at his own studio in Clarens or at the Cherie de Villiers Gallery in Hyde Park Corner, Johannesburg.

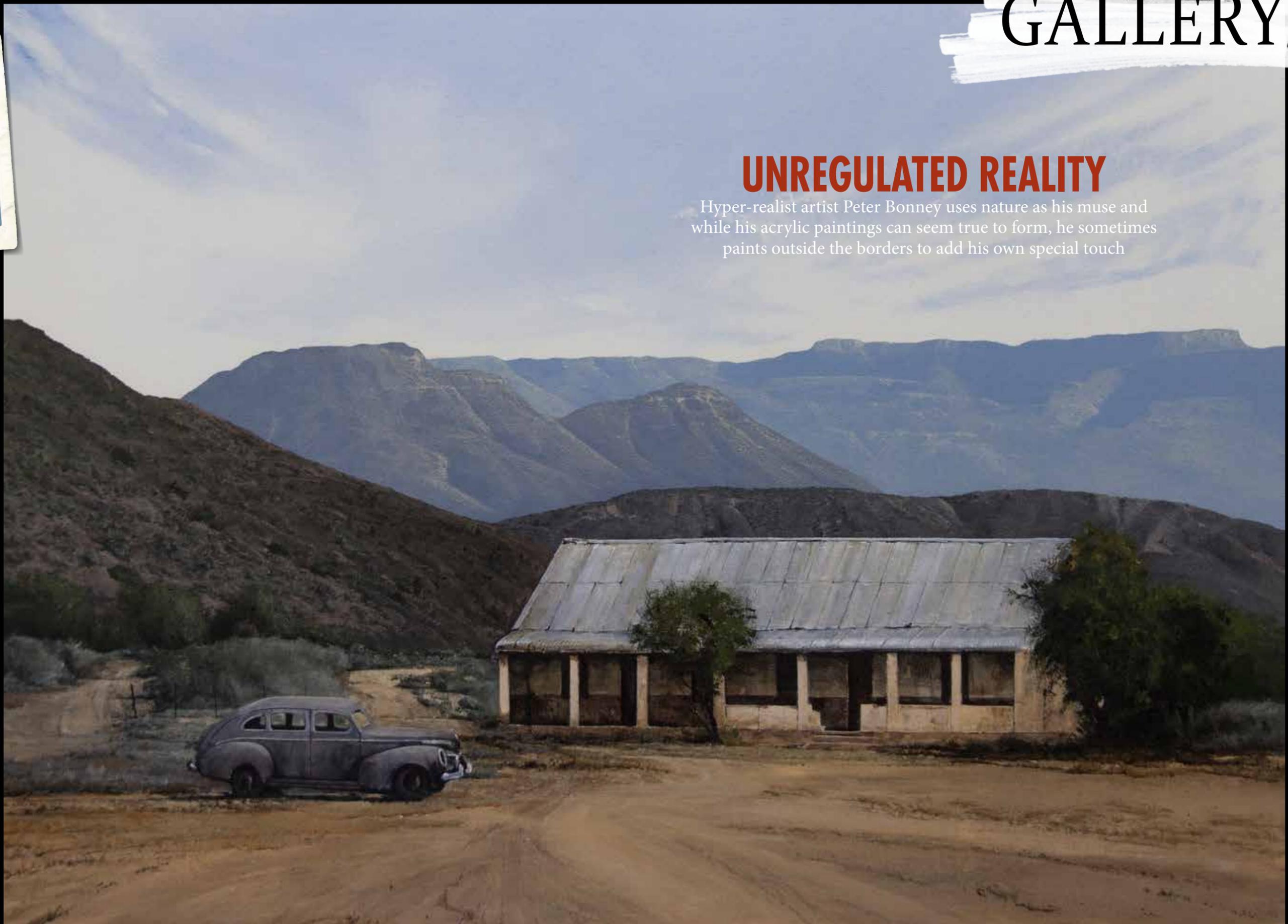
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RIGHT: Far Away Vondeling

"A derelict railway siding in the middle of nowhere, off the R407 between Klarstroom and Willowmore."

UNREGULATED REALITY

Hyper-realist artist Peter Bonney uses nature as his muse and while his acrylic paintings can seem true to form, he sometimes paints outside the borders to add his own special touch





ABOVE: Hidden Treasures
"A remote farm outbuilding in the Eastern Free State."
ABOVE RIGHT: Climax Windmill
"One of many in the arid Central Karoo areas around Colesberg and Middelburg."
RIGHT: Wheelbarrow Delivery
"There actually *are* people living in faraway Rosendal. Who would have thought it?"
LEFT: After the Rain
"Believe it or not, it *does* sometimes rain in Richmond!"



FAR LEFT: Marcel's Outbuilding
"Nooitgedacht farm near Stellenbosch in the Western Cape."

LEFT: Karoo National Park
"This depicts the entrance gate, just off the N1 on the Cape Town side of Beaufort West."

BELOW: Basket Bike
"I love classic bikes. I spotted this one in Reddersburg on the R717 between Edenburg and Dewetsdorp."

BOTTOM: Fresh Diesel
"Off the beaten track in the Eastern Cape."

BOTTOM LEFT: The Back of Jenlee's Shop
"There were interesting artifacts in this shop at the Fouriesburg/Caledonspoort intersection on the R711 in the Eastern Free State."

