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EXHIBITION

It is fair to say that **Geoff Dyer** has a bit of a thing about Tasmania. The Wynne nine-time finalist and serial Archibald star has been painting the landscape of the Apple Isle for a long time, capturing both its lush green beauty and its barren extremes with a deft hand. The state's native son revisits familiar haunts such as the area around Hobart, Bass Strait, coastal landscapes and more in *Recent Tasmanian Landscapes*.

▶ Until February 26, Monday to Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday, 1pm to 6pm, MICK The Gallery, 44 Gurner Street, Paddington, 9332 2779.

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"In this current series of oil paintings, I fused drawings of real-life models, photographs of myself as a child and the memory of childhood scenes," Sydney artist **Marie Peter-Toltz** says of her solo exhibition, *Prologues*, including *Where the Trail of Miracles Ran Cold*, pictured. Judging by the scenes of the young girls in a carnival-esque, dreamlike atmosphere, wandering through forests, Peter-Toltz's childhood – both real and idealised – seems magical, rendered in a delightfully colourful palette.

▶ Thursday to February 21, Gaffa Gallery, 281 Clarence Street, city, 9283 4273, gaffa.com.au.

