

DEBRA DAWES

1955 Born in Queensland, Australia
1985 Post-graduate Diploma in Painting, Sydney College of the Arts, Australia
2000 Doctor of Creative Arts, University of Wollongong, Australia

Currently lives and works in Wollongong, Murrurundi and Sydney, Australia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020 SKIN DEEP, Yavuz Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2018 Measure (ii), Survey Exhibition, Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong, Australia
2017 Measure, Survey Exhibition, Tamworth Regional Gallery, Tamworth, Australia
2015 Neurotica, Folonomo Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Debra Dawes, Weswal Gallery, Tamworth, Australia
2014 At Her Majesty's Pleasure: Tattoo Gun, The Drawing Room, Sydney, Australia
2012 At Her Majesty's Pleasure 2011, Turner Galleries, Perth, Australia
At Her Majesty's Pleasure 2010, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
2010 Complete?, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
Open studio – Untitled, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
2008 Blind faith, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
2006 Cover up, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
2005 Everydaynow, Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
clock wise, SCA Galleries, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
2004 clock wise, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
2002 Afterthought, Sherman Galleries, Sydney, Australia
2001 Glare, Sherman Galleries, Sydney, Australia
2000 Afterthought, Robert Lindsay Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
1999 Lifting the Sky, Sherman Galleries, Sydney, Australia
1997 Trace of Passage, Robert Lindsay Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
1996 Gray Spectra, Sherman Galleries, Sydney, Australia
1995 Gingham, Robert Lindsay Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
1993 Starlite, Art Gallery of New South Wales & Wollongong City Gallery, Australia
1992 On the Edge, Deutscher Fine Art, Melbourne, Australia
1991 Houndstooth, Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia
1989 Abstract Painting 1989, Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia
1988 Abstract Paintings, Mori Gallery & George Paton Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
1987 Psychedelia and Other States, Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia
1986 Three Narratives: An Autobiography, Union Street Gallery, Sydney, Australia
1983 Drawing and Paintings, A-Weg Gallery, Groningen, The Netherlands

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 Notation, Cross Art Projects, Sydney, Australia
SNO 159, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney, Australia
2017-2019 Abstraction: Celebrating Australian women abstract artists, National Gallery of
Australia, Canberra, Australia
2016-2017 Visions of Utopia, Touring: Wollongong Art Gallery and Penrith Regional Art
Gallery, Australia
2016 Op Art, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Returning to the Field #2, SNO Centre Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney, Australia
2015 Doing Time, Verge Gallery, Devised by Sydney Law School and the Sydney Institute
of Criminology, University of Sydney Union, Sydney, Australia
Tactical Imaginary, Squaring off the Mountain, SCA Galleries, Sydney College of the
Arts, Sydney, Australia
Painting 1 – Edge, Angle, Grid, William Wright Artists Projects, Sydney, Australia

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- 2013-2015 Luminous World: Contemporary Art from the Wesfarmers Collection, Touring: Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin, National Library of Australia, Canberra, Samstag Museum of Art, Adelaide, Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne, Australia
- 2014 Forcefields, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
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SNO 106 Returning to the Field, SNO Centre Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney, Australia
Conflict: Contemporary Responses to War, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane, Australia
The Gathering II, Wangaratta Art Gallery, Wangaratta, Australia
Redlands Art Prize, National Art School Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Form and Substance, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- 2013 Abstracting the Collection: From the Cruthers Collection of Women's Art, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia
Camouflage Cultures: Surveillance, Communities, Aesthetics & Animals, SCA Galleries, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney, Australia
- 2012 Coral: Art Science Life, Macleay Museum, Sydney University, Sydney, Australia
The Baker's Dozen, UTS Gallery, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
New 2011: Selected recent acquisitions, UQ Art Museum, Brisbane, Australia
Abstraction II, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2011 Twining: Weaving and Abstraction, 24HR Art, Darwin, Australia
- 2010 SNO/ONS, SNO Contemporary Art Projects, Sydney, Australia
Redlands Westpac Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, Australia
An Oeuvre both Abundant and Diverse, SCA Galleries, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney, Australia
- 2008 Open Gallery (retrospective), Art & About, City of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
- 2007 Cross Currents: Focus on Contemporary Australian Art, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney, Australia
Come hither: Interpretations of the boudoir, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, Australia
- 2006 21st Century Modern: 2006 Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia
- 2005 International Painting on Paper, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
- 2004 Open Gallery 2004, Art & About, City of Sydney, Australia
Sight-Seeing, War Memorial Art Gallery, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney, Australia
Talking About Abstraction, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Sight-Seeing, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Down Town Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2003 Shangri-La Collective, Artspace, Sydney, Australia
- 2002 Good Vibrations, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, Australia
Group Exhibition, Sherman Galleries, Sydney, Australia
- 2001 Phenomena: New Painting in Australia, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Phenomena: New Painting in Australia, Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia
Group Exhibition, Sherman Galleries, Sydney, Australia
- 2000 Suburb, Museum of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
On The Brink: Abstraction of the 90s, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, Australia
- 1998 VERVE: An exhibition of Visual Poetry and Poetic Visuals, S. H. Ervin Gallery, National Trust of Australia, for the Sydney Writer's Festival, Sydney, Australia
- 1997-1998 Containment, Plimsoll Gallery, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia
- 1996-1998 Flaggering the Republic, Sherman Galleries, regional gallery tour, Sydney, Australia
- 1997 Geometric Painting in Australia 1941-1997, University Art Museum, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
Ornamentalism, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, Australia
- 1996 Anon, Sherman Galleries, Sydney, Australia

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- 1994 The John McCaughey Memorial Art Prize, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
- 1992 Reinventing the Grid, Robert Lindsay Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
Wish Hard, Biennale of Sydney Satellite, Wollongong City Gallery, Wollongong, Australia
- 1991 Rules for Drawing, Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Microcosm, Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney, Australia
The Subversive Stitch, Monash University Gallery, Melbourne, and Mori Annexe, Sydney, Australia
- 1990-1991 Abstraction, Art Gallery of New South Wales and touring, Sydney, Australia
- 1990 Pure, Queensland College Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Architecture of Light, Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 1989 Pure, Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Australian Perspecta, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Colour Blind, Mori Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 1987 Feminist Narratives, George Paton Gallery, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia
- 1986 Union Street, George Paton Gallery, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, and College Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- 1985 Joint Show, Union Street Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 1984 Last Past the Postism, Art Unit, Sydney, Australia
- 1982 Women and Arts Festival, Gallery 62, Newcastle, UK

AWARDS

- 2010 Redlands Westpac Art Prize, Highly Commended, Australia

COLLECTIONS

Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong, Australia
 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
 Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, Australia
 National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
 New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, Australia
 Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
 Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, Australia
 University of Wollongong, Wollongong, Australia
 Murdoch University, Perth, Australia
 UQ Art Museum, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
 Artbank, Sydney, Australia
 Macquarie Bank, Sydney, Australia
 Allen, Allen & Hemsley, Australia
 News Limited, Australia
 Wesfarmers Arts, Perth, Australia
 Cruthers Collection of Women's Art, Perth, Australia

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