

MICHELLE CAWTHORN

b. Sydney. Lives and works, Sydney

EDUCATION

- 2017- PhD Fine Arts (candidate), UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2015 Master of Fine Arts (Research), UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2012 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours, Class 1), The College of Fine Arts UNSW, Sydney
- 2007 Bachelor of Art Education, The College of Fine Arts, UNSW, Sydney
- 2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Painting), The College of Fine Arts, UNSW, Sydney

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2019 Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW. Open FINALIST
- 2019 FLOW Wollongong Art Gallery National Contemporary Watercolour Prize 2019, Wollongong Art Gallery, NSW. FINALIST
- 2019 Ravenswood Art Prize, Ravenswood School for Girls, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2018 Splash: McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award 2018 (inaugural), McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, Victoria. FINALIST
- 2018 Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW. Open FINALIST
- 2018 Tim Olsen Drawing Prize, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney. HIGHLY COMMENDED
- 2018 Adelaide Perry Prize, Adelaide Perry Gallery, Croydon, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2017 Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW. Open FINALIST
- 2017 Ravenswood Art Prize (inaugural), Ravenswood School for Girls, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2017 Tim Olsen Drawing Prize, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2017 Sir John Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2017 Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney. Friends of Hazelhurst Local Artist Award, WINNER
- 2016 Wollongong Art Gallery Contemporary Watercolour Prize, Wollongong. FINALIST
- 2015 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2015 Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2014 Tim Olsen Drawing Prize, Kudos Gallery, Sydney. HIGHLY COMMENDED
- 2014 Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW. Drawing FINALIST. Contemporary FINALIST
- 2014 Kudos Award, Kudos Gallery, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2013 Art on Paper, Hazelhurst Art Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney. Friends of Hazelhurst Local Artist Award, WINNER
- 2013 Willoughby Sculpture Prize, Incinerator Art Space, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2013 Chippendale New World Art Prize, X88 Gallery, Sydney. FINALIST
- 2012 The College of Fine Arts Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, UNSW, Sydney. RECIPIENT
- 2008 Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award, Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton, NSW. FINALIST

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018 Bundanon Trust Artist-in-Residence Fellowship

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- 2017 New South Wales Artists' Grant, NAVA and Create NSW
- 2016 Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship, UNSW, Sydney
- 2016 New South Wales Artists' Grant, NAVA and Arts NSW
- 2014 UNSW Art & Design Grant
- 2012 Australian Postgraduate Award, University of New South Wales, Sydney

COLLECTIONS

Artbank
ANU School of Art and Design
Gippsland Art Gallery, Victoria
Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, NSW
Private collections in Australia and overseas

RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Visiting artist, ANU School of Art & Design
- 2019 Bundanon Trust, Bundanon, NSW
- 2018 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo, NSW
- 2015 Loreto Kirribilli, Sydney

COMMISSIONS

- 2012 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Manchester Road*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2018 *Miss Pinball*, .M Contemporary, Sydney
- 2016 *Playpen*, Egg and Dart, Thirroul, NSW
- 2015 *Bittersweet*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney
- 2015 *Birdland*, .M Contemporary, Sydney
- 2015 *Little Triggers*, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2014 *Sleeper*, Sheffer Gallery, Sydney
- 2013 *Idle Thoughts*, Walcha Gallery of Art, Walcha, NSW
- 2013 *Memorophilia*, Kudos Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 *a tenuous thing*, At The Vanishing Point, Sydney
- 2012 *BlueBird*, Community Gallery, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney

JOINT EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Two Weeks*, ANU Drawing and Printmedia Studios, Australian National University, Canberra
- 2016 *This Is Not A Solo Show*, (collaboration with Peter Sharp) Verge Gallery, University of Sydney, Sydney
- 2015 *Memory Fragments*, Art Space on the Concourse, Sydney

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Collectivus: A Summer Group Show*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2018-19 *Antumbra*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2018 *Return*, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design
- 2018 *How We See Ourselves*, West End Art Space, Melbourne
- 2018 *Jamberoo Mountain Road*, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra, NSW
- 2018 *Imagine*, (inaugural exhibition) Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, Victoria
- 2017 *Sculpture Show*, The Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney
- 2017 *Winter Group Show*, .M Contemporary, Sydney
- 2017 *Re-Launch*, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2017 *Summer Group Show*, .M Contemporary, Sydney
- 2016 *The Charged Object*, Gallery Lane Cove, Sydney
- 2015 *The Bird Show*, Spot 81, Sydney
- 2015 *Annual Winter Group Show*, .M Contemporary, Sydney
- 2015 *Drawing Now 2015*, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2015 *Private Lives: The Artist as Collector*, SH Ervin Gallery, The National Trust, Sydney
- 2014 *Summer Group Show*, .M Contemporary, Sydney
- 2014 *Postgraduate Research Conference*, Ancillary Programme, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2013 *Drawing Now*, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2012 *Tomorrow, Today*, COFASPACE, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2012 *Drawing Show*, Walcha Gallery of Art, Walcha, NSW
- 2012 *Half a Desk*, Kudos Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 *Alive and Well*, First Draft Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 *Half-Way Mark*, COFASPACE, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2008-10 *Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award*, Grafton Regional Gallery (touring) NSW, Queensland, VIC
- 2008 *1200k West- Fowlers Gap*, COFASPACE, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2006 *ILIRI Fowlers Gap Field Trip*, COFASPACE, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2005 *COFA Annual: Graduating Students Exhibition*, COFASPACE, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2005 *Imaging the Land*, COFASPACE, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2003 *TERRORart*, Kudos Gallery, Sydney
- 2003 *Dissonance*, COFASPACE, University of New South Wales, Sydney

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- 'Michelle Cawthorn: Manchester Road', *Art Collector online*, 24 July 2019
- Richard Morecroft, 'Capturing the Coast', *South Coast Style*, No. 70, Winter 2019, pp 50 – 51
- Jamberoo Mountain Road*, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, NSW, 2018. pp. 17 – 19
- Michelle Cawthorn | Sensuous Symbolism*, .M Contemporary, Sydney, 2018
- Andrew Frost, 'Flipper Bumper High Scores: Michelle Cawthorn's Sensuous Symbolism', catalogue essay, May 2018
- Chloé Wolifson, 'Michelle Cawthorn – Miss Pinball', .M Contemporary', catalogue essay, May 2018

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Denene Keegan, 'Profile on local artist Michelle Cawthorn,' *Friends of Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre*, newsletter, July – September 2017, p. 4,

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'Michelle Cawthorn: Playpen', *Artist Profile online*, 10 September 2016

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Jo Bosben, 'This is Not A Solo Show – Sharp and Cawthorn', *What's On: Art & Design UNSW*, June 2016

Rebecca Gallo, 'This is Not a Solo Show. A Concept Album', catalogue essay, June 2016

Naomi Gall, 'The Charged Object: soft sculpture and the aesthetics of touch', *Art Guide Australia*, 11 March 2016

Monica Heary, 'Exhibition of solo works at Hazelhurst features personal concepts of time', *St George and Sutherland Shire Leader*, 8 November 2015

Gina Fairley, '4 Solos', *Visual Arts Hub*, 2 November 2015

Stella Rosa McDonald, '4 Solos', *The Art Life*, 19 October 2015

Monica Heary, 'Artist makes her mark with sculpture', *St George and Sutherland Shire Leader*, 9 October 2015

Katrina Arent, 'Out/About: Michelle Cawthorn "Birdland"', *In/Out Design Blog*, 7 October 2015

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'Michelle Cawthorn: Birdland', *Art Collector online*, 29 September 2015

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'4 Solos: Contemporary Artists from Southern Sydney', *Art Collector online*, November 2015

'Discovery: Michelle Cawthorn', *Artist Profile*, Issue 28, 2014, p. 146

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Andrew Frost, 'Sleeper', *The Art Life*, online 11 April 2014

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Michael Fitzgerald, 'Open Gallery', *Spectrum, Sydney Morning Herald*, 16-17 February 2013, p. 13

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FILMS

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Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, '4 Solos: In Conversation with Marc Etherington, Michelle Cawthorn, Paul Williams, Leahlani Johnson', 24 October 2015

PODCASTS

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Woollahra Council, 'Michelle Cawthorn – Artist Talk – 2015 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize', 10 October 2015

PROJECTS

2015 Gallery Lane Cove Public Plinth Project, Sydney