

McLEAN EDWARDS

McLean Edwards studied at the Canberra School of Art. Since that time he has exhibited his work in numerous group and solo shows including the Archibald Prize at the AGNSW in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2013, and is the 2019 Sulman Prize Winner. McLean currently lives and works in Sydney.

Born: 1972 Darwin, Northern Territory

Lives: Sydney, Australia

Education: Canberra School of Art

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2020 *Rebecca*, Olsen Gruin, New York
- 2020 *Rebecca*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2019 *Everything Once*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2017 *Marsupials*, Olsen Gruin, New York, U.S.A
- 2016 *Knock Knock*, Nicholas Projects, Melbourne
- 2014 *Local Heroes*, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney
- 2013 *The Art of Connecting: McLean Edwards*, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Sydney
- 2013 *Imaginary Friends and Black Portraits*, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney
- 2012 *Here Comes Everybody*, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney
- 2011 *Dream Juggler*, Gallery Ecosse, Exeter, NSW
- 2011 *Basic Instinct*, Karen Woodbury Gallery, Melbourne
- 2010 *Bad Habits*, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, Goulburn, NSW
- 2010 *Bad Habits*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2009 *New Works*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2008 *The End*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2007 *New Works*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2006 *Non Fiction*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2005 *The Revenge of Maggie Dubrovnik*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Melbourne
- 2004 *Mexican Brides*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2003 *Down and Dirty for the Lord*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2003 *Opening Exhibition*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2002 *Year of the Rat*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2002 *Recent Paintings and Drawings*, Chapman Gallery, Manuka ACT
- 2002 *Australian Contemporary Art Fair*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
- 2001 *Headway*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 2000 *I wanted to be normal for You*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 2000 *The trembling man paintings*, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 1999 *Recent works*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 *Nudes and other recent works*, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 1998 *New Paintings*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 *Give 'em hell Galeri Tenuh*, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 1997 *Pygmalion*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1996 *Silly boy paintings*, Legge Gallery, Sydney
- 1995 *Portraits*, Legge Gallery, Sydney

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2021 *Summer Group Show*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
2020 *Collectivus*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
2019 *Sulman Prize*, Winner, Art Gallery of New South Wales
2018 *Antumbra*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
2017 *Sydney Contemporary*, Olsen Gruin Gallery
2016 *Salon des Refuses*, SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2016 *Winter Exhibition*, Heiser Gallery, Brisbane
2015 *Art Month Collectors' Space*, The Hughes Gallery, Sydney
2015 *Five Artists*, Gallery Ecosse, Exeter, NSW
2014 *Doug Moran National Portrait Prize*, Juniper Hall, Sydney
2013 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales
2010 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales
2010 *Quirky from the Collection*, Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle
2009 *The University of Queensland National Artist's Self-Portrait Prize*, Brisbane
2009 *Linde Ivimey and McLean Edwards*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2008 *Autumn Exhibition*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2008 *New Works by Gallery Artists*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2007 *Summer Exhibition*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2007 *Autumn Catalogue*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2007 *Winter Catalogue*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2007 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales
2006 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales
2004 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales
2004 *Sulman Prize*, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
2003 *A Selection of 20th Century Contemporary Australian and New Zealand Art*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2003 *A Selection of Important 20th Century Australian Paintings*, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2002 *Seventh Australia Contemporary Art Fair*, Melbourne
2002 *A Summer Show*, December, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2001 *Seventh Australian Contemporary Art Fair*, Melbourne
2001 *Sulman Prize*, Finalist, Art Gallery of NSW
1999 *Contemporary Art: Allen Allen & Hemsley Collection*, UTS Gallery Sydney
1998 *Sixth Australian Contemporary Art Fair*, Melbourne
1997 *Yogyakarta Art Fair 1997 Five Painters*, Legge Gallery
1997 *Sanguine Valediction*, Legge Gallery
1996 *Kings Art Prize*, Kings College
1996 *Fifth Australian Contemporary Art Fair*, Melbourne
1995 *Summer Exhibition*, Legge Gallery
1994 *Travelling Art Scholarship*, Works Gallery, UNSW
1994 *Artists Don't Believe In Sanity Clause*, Legge Gallery

COLLECTIONS:

1346 Venice Collection
Australian War Memorial Museum, Canberra
Newcastle Region Art Gallery, Newcastle
Allens Arthur Robinson
Artbank

Bond University
BHP Collection

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Deutsche Bank
Dubbo Regional Gallery
Germanos Collection, Sydney
Gold Coast City Gallery
Goulburn Regional Art Gallery
Hong Kong investors
Orange Regional Gallery
PT Kodel (Indonesia)
Private Collections in Australia, New Zealand, UK, U.S.A and Indonesia
University of Queensland Art Museum

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