

## **MICHELLE CAWTHORN**

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Represented by OLSEN Gallery, Gadigal/Sydney

## **EDUCATION**

- 2021 PhD Fine Arts, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2015 Master of Fine Arts, 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, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2020 HDR Completion Scholarship, UNSW Sydney
- 2018 Bundanon Fellowship
- 2018 Highly Commended, Tim Olsen Drawing Prize, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney
- 2017 Finalist, Sir John Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2017 Winner, Hazelhurst Art on Paper, Local Artist Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Sydney
- 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 Highly Commended, Tim Olsen Drawing Prize, Kudos Gallery, Sydney
- 2014 UNSW Art & Design Grant
- 2013 Winner, Hazelhurst Art on Paper, Local Artist Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Australian Postgraduate Award, UNSW Sydney
- 2012 Recipient, The College of Fine Arts Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, UNSW, Sydney

## **COLLECTIONS**

- Artbank
- ANU School of Art and Design
- Campbelltown Arts Centre
- Gippsland Art Gallery
- Shoalhaven Regional Gallery

## **RESIDENCIES**

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

## **COMMISSIONS**

- 2012 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 *Between Shadows and a Dream*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney

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2023 *A Momentary Lapse in Concentration*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2021 *Beautiful Strange*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2021 *Songbird*, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra, NSW  
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

2024 *This Is Not A Solo Show II*, (collaboration with Peter Sharp) ANCA Gallery, Dickson, ACT  
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

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Summer Curated*, Olsen Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
2025 *Works from the Stockroom*, Olsen Annexe, Sydney, NSW  
2024 *Twitcher*, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Maitland, NSW  
2024 *Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award*, Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW  
2024 *Hazelhurst Painter Teacher*, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
2023 *30 Year Celebration*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2023 *FLOW National Contemporary Watercolour Prize*, Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong, NSW  
2023 *Calleen Art Award*, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, Cowra, NSW  
2023 *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney  
2022 *Summer Salon*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2022 *Plant Your Feet*, (curated by Glenn Barkley), Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra, NSW  
2022 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Open)*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW  
2022 *Paul Guest Prize*, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, VIC  
2022 *Ravenswood Art Prize*, Ravenswood School for Girls, Sydney  
2022 *Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing*, Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney  
2022 *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney  
2021 *Summer Exhibition*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2021 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Open)*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW  
2021 *Splash: McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award*, McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC  
2021 *Winter Group Show*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2021 *Ravenswood Art Prize*, Ravenswood School for Girls, Sydney

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2020 *Summer Group Show*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2020 *20 Artworks in the Garden*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney  
2020 *Hazelhurst 20/20*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney  
2020 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Open)*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW  
2020 *Ravenswood Art Prize*, Ravenswood School for Girls, Sydney  
2019 *Collectivus: A Summer Group Show*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2019 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Open)*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW  
2019 *FLOW National Contemporary Watercolour Prize*, Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong, NSW  
2019 *Ravenswood Art Prize*, Ravenswood School for Girls, Sydney  
2018 *Antumbra*, OLSEN Gallery, Sydney  
2018 *Splash: McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award (Inaugural)*, McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC  
2018 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Open)*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW  
2018 *Return*, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney  
2018 *How We See Ourselves*, West End Art Space, Melbourne  
2018 *Jamberoo Mountain Road*, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra, NSW  
2018 *Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing*, Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney  
2018 *Imagine*, (curated by Simon Gregg) Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, Victoria  
2017 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Open)*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW  
2017 *Tim Olsen Drawing Prize*, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney  
2017 *Sculpture Show*, The Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney  
2017 *Winter Group Show*, .M Contemporary, Sydney  
2017 *Ravenswood Art Prize (Inaugural)*, Ravenswood School for Girls, Sydney  
2017 *Re-Launch*, AD Space, UNSW Art & Design, Sydney  
2017 *Summer Group Show*, .M Contemporary, Sydney  
2016 *Wollongong Art Gallery Contemporary Watercolour Prize*, Wollongong, NSW  
2016 *The Charged Object*, Gallery Lane Cove, Sydney  
2015 *Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize*, Woollahra Council Chambers, Sydney  
2015 *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, 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 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Drawing, Contemporary)*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, NSW  
2014 *Kudos Award*, Kudos Gallery, Sydney  
2013 *Drawing Now*, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, University of New South Wales, Sydney  
2013 *Willoughby Sculpture Prize*, Incinerator Art Space, Sydney  
2013 *Chippendale New World Art Prize*, X88 Gallery, 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

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2008 *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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Rebecca Gallo, 'This is Not a Solo Show. A Concept Album', catalogue essay, June 2016

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