

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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- 'Michelle Cawthorn: Playpen', *Artist Profile online*, 10 September 2016
- 'Michelle Cawthorn: Playpen', *Art Almanac online*, 30 August 2016
- 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
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- 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
- '4 Solos', *ARTAND online*, October 2015
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