

FIONA LOWRY

b. 1974, Sydney, Australia

Lives and works in Sydney, Australia

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales

Bachelor of Visual Arts (painting), Sydney College of the Arts, University of Sydney

AWARDS, GRANTS, RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Brisbane Portrait Prize (winner, womens prize), Brisbane
- 2022 Archibald Prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Ravenswood Art Prize (finalist), Sydney
- 2021 Archibald Prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2014 Archibald Prize (winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Tattersalls Landscape Award (winner), Tattersalls Club, Brisbane
Prudential Eye Award (finalist), Singapore
- 2013 Fleurieu Landscape prize (winner), Adelaide
Wynne Prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Sulman Prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Archibald Prize (highly commended), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2008 Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (winner), Sydney
Australia Council for the Arts, New Work Grant
- 2006 Employees Choice Award, ABN Amro Emerging Artist Award, Sydney
Collex Acquisitive Prize for past Primavera artists
Australia Council for the Arts, New Work Grant
- 2003 Fauvette Louriero, Artist Travel Grant

COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of New South Wales
The National Gallery of Australia
Artbank
ABN Amro Australia
Sydney Macquarie Bank Collection
Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
Parliament House, Melbourne
The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
UBS Art Collection, Sydney
Veolia Environmental Services – Collex Collection, Sydney

COMMISSIONS

- 2020 Cate Blanchett portrait for Vogue Australia Cover

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Solo, N.Smith Gallery, Sydney
- 2023 The murmuring rises and falls, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne 2022 Destination Sydney, Manly Museum and Art Gallery
- 2021 Review, 333 art projects at Clayton Utz, Sydney
- 2019 while the sun burns behind the islands, Jan Murphy, Brisbane 2018 the ties that bind , Martin Browne contemporary, Sydney

- 2016 Out in the night, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
- 2015 Pink Frost, Martin Browne Contemporary
- 2014 new paintings, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
- 2012 I have forgotten who I am, Melbourne Art Fair
- Gliding over all, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
- 2010 new work, Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
- I loved you yesterday, Gallery Barry Keldoulis
- 2008 I act as the tongue of you, Gallery Barry Keldoulis
- 2006 I'm having dreams about you, Gallery Barry Keldoulis
- 2005 Left behind, Gallery Barry Keldoulis
- 2004 Executioners Drop, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney
- 2002 aaaxxx, Firstdraft gallery, Sydney

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Summer '25, N.Smith Gallery, Sydney
- 2024 This Given Moment and the Garden of Hopes and Dreams, Bondi Pavillion
- Sydney Contemporary, N.Smith Gallery Galleries booth
- New South: Recent painting from Southern Australia, Hazelhurst Gallery
- Sunrise, Sunset, N.Smith Gallery, Sydney
- 2022 collection works, Sydney Modern, AGNSW
- 2019 Bodies of art, The National gallery of Australia, Canberra 2019 Love, Tweed regional gallery, Murwillumbah
- 2017 Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Sydney
- Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- Artist Profile: Australasian Painters 2007 – 2017, Orange Regional Gallery, NSW
- 2016 Painting, More Painting, Melbourne Australian Centre for Contemporary Art
- Road Trip, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
- The Gold Award, Rockhampton Art Gallery, QLD
- 2015 Redlands Konica Minolta Art Prize (finalist), National Art school, Darlinghurst
- Martin Browne booth at Sydney Contemporary, Carriage works
- Sulman prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2014 Tattersalls Landscape award (winner), Tattersalls club, Brisbane
- Sulman prize (highly commended) Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- Archibald prize (winner) Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- Saatchi gallery booth, Start Art Fair, London
- Perc Tucker Portrait award (finalist)
- Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art: Dark Heart Art Gallery of South Australia
- Prudential Eye Award for Contemporary Art Exhibition (finalist), Singapore
- 2013 Fleurieu Landscape prize, Adelaide (winner)
- Wynne Prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- Sulman prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- Archibald prize (highly commended) Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2012 Young Art Taipei, Yat Hotel Art Fair, Sheraton Hotel Taipei
- Wonderland: New Contemporary Art from Australia, Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) Taipei
- GBK @ Hong Kong Art Fair, Hong Kong Art Fair
- Panorama Are we there yet? Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre
- 2011 The New Arcadia, Lismore Regional Gallery, Lismore
- heads, Utopia Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 McLean Edwards, Rhys Lee, Fiona Lowry & Heather B. Swann, Karen Woodbury Gallery,

Melbourne

- An Oeuvre both Abundant and Diverse, Sydney College of the Arts Gallery, Sydney
- Time travel: reimagining the past, Tweed River Art Gallery
- twenty/20, UTS: Gallery, Sydney
- Wilderness, Balnaves Contemporary: Painting, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- Known Sites, Contemporary Australian Landscapes from the Artbank Collection, Presiding Officer's Gallery, Parliament House, Canberra
- 2009 Wax On - From Cronulla to Palm Beach and Beyond, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, Sydney
- Feminism Never Happened, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
- The University of Queensland National Artists' Self-Portrait Prize, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
- I Have Forgotten More Than You Know, Gaffa Gallery, Sydney
- Now & Then, Campbelltown Art Centre, Sydney
- Art on Paper – The 2009 Hazelhurst Art Award (finalist), Hazelhurst Gallery, Sydney
- Wynne Prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2008 Better Places, Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, Perth
- Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (finalist), The State Library of NSW, Sydney
- Cruel and Unusual Punishment: Art and Violence, La Trobe University Art Museum, Melbourne
- gbk @ Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- New Millenium, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales
- 2007 Tropical Hot Dog Night, MOP Projects, Sydney
- gbk @ Silvershot, Silvershot, Melbourne
- New Acquisitions, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- 2006 Epic, Lismore Regional Gallery, Lismore
- Helen Lempriere Travelling Art Scholarship, Artspace, Sydney
- ABN Amro Emerging Artist Award, ABN Amro, Sydney
- Charge to Slow, MOP Projects, Sydney
- Poor Yorick, curated by Anthony Whelan, Virginia Wilson Art, Sydney
- The December Group, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney
- 2005 gbk @ Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building
- Flaming Youth, Orange Regional Gallery
- The December Group, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney
- Primavera, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- gbk at Span Galleries, Melbourne
- C'Town Bling, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney
- End, Kings ARI, Melbourne
- Emerging Artists, Span Galleries, Melbourne
- Picturing the Landscape, Deloitte Foundation, Sydney
- 2004 ABN AMRO Emerging Artist Award (finalist), Sydney ABN AMRO, Sydney
- Perception, Conception, Deception, Soapbox gallery, Brisbane
- 2003 Log, Mop projects, Redfern
- Two for One, Mop projects, Redfern
- Mini Lab, Firstdraft Gallery, Surry Hills
- Nu Erotica, Phat Space, Sydney
- 2002 Helen Lempriere Travelling Art Scholarship, Artspace, Sydney
- United in Joy, Imperial Slacks Gallery, Surry Hills
- Slacking off, Imperial Slacks Gallery, Surry Hills
- 2001 Channel 5a, Rubyayre Gallery, Surry Hills
- ArtCastle, The Castle, Dover Heights

Bomb Tibet with Gaming Room, Herringbone Gallery, Surry Hills
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Fiona Lowry/Marc Dempsey, Gallery 19, Sydney
Matthys Gerber, CBD Gallery, Sydney
Collective Duchamp, curated by Billy Gruner, VTKC Gallery, Rozelle

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Vogue Australia, 'The making of Vogue Australia's June/July 2020 cover: Cate Blanchett painted by Fiona Lowry', The Vogue Team, 19 June 2020.

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Apollo Magazine, 'Lay of the land essay by Edmund Capon', 2012.

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