

# AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

## THORNTON WALKER

Born 1953, Auckland, New Zealand

1965 Arrived in Australia  
1974-76 Diploma of Art (Printmaking), Prahran College of Advanced Education, Melbourne  
1977 Commenced Post Graduate Diploma (Printmaking) Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 'The Breaking Wave', Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
2018 'The sea and the folded cloth', Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
2016 'Landscapes and still life', Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
'Through the trees', Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
2015 'Sea, Snow and other Matters', Bett Gallery, Hobart  
'Book launch and small exhibition', Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
2014 Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
2013 Heiser Gallery, Brisbane  
Scott Livesey Gallery, Melbourne  
2012 Bett Gallery, Hobart  
Melbourne Art Fair, Beaver Galleries, Melbourne  
Hotel Penaga, Penang, Malaysia  
2011 Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
Scott Livesey Gallery, Melbourne  
2010 Bett Gallery, Hobart  
2009 Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
Heiser Gallery, Brisbane  
2008 Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
2007 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
Printmaking Fellowship, Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne  
Heiser Gallery, Brisbane  
Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
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Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
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2004 Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
2003 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
2002 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
Christine Abrahams Gallery at Mary Place Gallery, Sydney  
2001 Milford Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
2000 Christine Abrahams Gallery at Mary Place Gallery, Sydney  
1999 Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
1998 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney  
1997 Philip Bacon Gallery, Brisbane  
Rimbun Dahan Residency, Kuang, Malaysia

1996 Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
 1995 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
 Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney  
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 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne  
 1992 Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra  
 Perth Galleries, Perth  
 1991 Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney  
 1990 Thornton Walker: Recent Paintings, Deutscher Brunswick Street, Melbourne  
 Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra  
 1989 Recent Paintings, Café Maximus, Melbourne  
 Thornton Walker, Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra  
 1987 Vital Functions and Mythography, United Artists Gallery, Melbourne  
 1986 United Artists Gallery, Melbourne  
 1984 Leveson Street Gallery, Melbourne  
 1982 Paul Craft Gallery, Melbourne  
 1980 Drummond Art Gallery, Melbourne

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 'Paper walls', Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne  
 'papermade', Australian Galleries, Melbourne  
 2017 'Small works', Tussock Gallery, Point Lonsdale, VIC  
 'Poets and Painters Exhibition', Bett Gallery, Hobart; Moonah Arts Centre, Hobart  
 2016 'Impressions', Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne  
 'Small works', Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
 2014 Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 2013 Sydney International Art Fair, Beaver Galleries, Sydney  
 2012 Group exhibition, Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne  
 2011 'Home and Away', Prints from the Australian Print Workshop, Australian Embassy,  
 Washington, USA  
 2010 Dallas Art Fair, represented by Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
 Paul Guest Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, VIC  
 Kedumba Drawing Prize, Kedumba, NSW  
 Aichi Museum of Art, Nagoya, Japan  
 2009 'Here Now', Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne  
 2007 Redcliffe Art Prize, Redcliffe Art Gallery, Redcliffe, QLD  
 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney  
 2006 Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne  
 2004 Melbourne Art Fair 2004, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 2003 'Changing Surfaces', Shepparton Art Gallery, Shepparton, VIC  
 2002 Melbourne Art Fair 2002, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 2000 Melbourne Art Fair 2000, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 1998 Melbourne Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 'Important Works on Paper', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney  
 1997 'Mulch & Metaphors: The Garden in Contemporary Art', Mornington Peninsula Regional  
 Gallery, Mornington, VIC  
 1996 'Food in Art', Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, VIC  
 Gallery Two, Launceston, TAS  
 Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney  
 Melbourne Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 1995-96 Blake Prize National Touring Exhibition, Australia  
 1995 'Works on Paper – A Selection', Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne

- 1994 Herald Sun Art Prize Exhibition, Melbourne  
 'Works on Paper', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney  
 Melbourne Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 Art Asia, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
- 1992 Melbourne Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
 'Works on Paper', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney
- 1991 'Recent Australian Painting', Deutscher Gallery, Melbourne
- 1990 '100 x 100 Print Exhibition', Arden Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 1988 'Fifty Fine Artists', Bicentennial Exhibition, Melbourne  
 'A New Generation 1983 – 1988: The Philip Morris Arts Grant Purchases', National  
 Gallery of Australia, Canberra  
 'Art Now – Painting in the Eighties', Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra  
 'St Kilda One', Linden, Melbourne
- 1987 Moët & Chandon Australian Art Foundation Touring Exhibition, Australia United Artists at  
 Mori, Mori Gallery, Sydney
- 1986 Melbourne Painters, Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra  
 'A First Look: The Philip Morris Arts Grant Purchase', ANG at the ANU, Drill Hall,  
 Canberra
- 1985 St Kilda Acquisitive Exhibition, Linden, Melbourne
- 1984 St Kilda Acquisitive Exhibition, Linden, Melbourne
- 1982 St Kilda Acquisitive Exhibition, Linden, Melbourne
- 1976 Travelling Exhibition of Australian Prints to France, Print Council of Australia  
 Prahran College of Advanced Education Graduate Exhibition, Melbourne

## SELECTED AWARDS

- 2017 Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, finalist
- 2016 Punchbowl Poets and Painters Retreat & Residency, Tasmania  
 Studio residency at The Art Vault, Mildura  
 Climarte Poster Project
- 2012 Studio residency, Hotel Penaga, Malaysia
- 2010 Kedumba Drawing Prize (Finalist), Wentworth Falls, NSW  
 Paul Guest Prize (Finalist), Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, VIC
- 2007 Printmaking Fellowship, Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne  
 Redcliffe Art Prize, Redcliffe Art Gallery, Redcliffe, QLD
- 2006 Master Class in Printmaking, Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne
- 1997 Studio residency, Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia
- 1994 Australia Council Studio Residency, Barcelona, Spain  
 Ansett Drawing Prize, Australia

## COLLECTIONS

Aichi Museum of Art, Nagoya, Japan  
 Artbank, Sydney  
 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney  
 Australian National Gallery Commonwealth Government Offices, Canberra  
 AXA Australia, Sydney  
 British Museum, London, UK  
 Commonwealth Government Offices, Canberra  
 Deakin University, Burwood, VIC  
 Macquarie Bank, Sydney  
 New South Wales University, Sydney  
 Phillip Morris Arts Grant Collection: Parliament House, Canberra

Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane  
Private collections throughout Australia, New Zealand, Israel, USA and Europe

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Cawthorne, Zelda; "Residential Coup", Herald Sun, 28 December 1996  
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Grishin, Sasha; "Profound contemplation in paintings", Canberra Times, 23 October 2018  
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Lord, Elizabeth; "Vintage Chinese Photos Inspire Exhibition", Mercury, 9 November 2012  
Lynn, Elwyn; "Children of the Cosmos", Australian, 14 April 1991  
Makin, Jeff; "No Logo, Just a Mystery to Bowl Us Over", Herald Sun, 24 September 2007  
Makin, Jeff; "Critic's Choice", Herald Sun, 10 April 2006  
Makin, Jeff; "Little Bowls for the Soul", Herald Sun, 18 July 2005  
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