

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

2023 'Into the Woods' Australian Galleries Sydney
2022 'The heron and the cat in the bath: paintings & works on paper', Beaver Galleries, Canberra
'The rising moon and other contemplations', Australian Galleries, Melbourne
2020 'Studies in Solitude', Beaver Galleries, Canberra
2019 'The Raked Sea', Bett Gallery, Hobart
'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
2006 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
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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
- 1994 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

- 2020 King's School Art Show, The King's School, Sydney
'Off the Wall' Summer Group Show, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2019 'Australian Galleries: The Purves Family Business. The First Four Decades', Book Launch
and Group Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Hadley's Art Prize, Hobart
'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
1995-96	Melbourne Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
1995	Blake Prize National Touring Exhibition, Australia 'Works on Paper – A Selection', Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne Herald Sun Art Prize Exhibition, Melbourne
1994	'Works on Paper', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney Melbourne Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
1992	Art Asia, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong 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	Moet & 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

2020	Finalist, King's School Art Prize, Sydney
2019	Finalist, Hadley's Art Prize, Hobart
2017	Finalist, Eutick Memorial Still Life Award
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	Finalist, Kedumba Drawing Prize, Wentworth Falls, NSW Finalist, Paul Guest Prize, 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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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
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Makin, Jeff; "In the Frame", Review, Herald Sun, 18 May 1998
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