

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

NERISSA LEA

Born 1959, Australia

1982 Printmaking and Cinematography Degree from South Australian School of Art, Adelaide

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 'Amusing Parlour Diversions', Australian Galleries, Sydney
2021 'The Days Leave Their Skin Behind', with special guest Reg Lynch, Australian Galleries, Sydney
2016 'The end of kindness and other dramas', Australian Galleries, Sydney
2014 'The waiting grounds', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
2012 'Where were you when my heart was breaking? Recent Drawings', Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
2009 'What remains behind', Australian Galleries, Roylston Street, Sydney
2007 'Brain Portals', Australian Galleries, Sydney
2006 'The armadillo's dream', Australian Galleries, Melbourne
2004 'Fly me to the moon', Australian Galleries, Sydney
2002 'From the sublime to the ridiculous', Australian Galleries, Sydney
1999 Pinacotheca, Melbourne
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1989 Pinacotheca, Melbourne
1986 Griffith University Gallery, Brisbane

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 '6 x 6 x 6" Miniature Sculpture Show 2022', Defiance Gallery, Sydney
2017 'Group exhibition: Material girl', Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS
 'Sculpture: medium and small scale – Mixed Sculptors', Australian Galleries, Sydney
2016 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Muncipal Council, Sydney
 'Salon des Refusés', S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2015 Manning Art Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW
2014 'The F Word', Gallery Central, Perth
 'Telling', Adelaide Central School of Art Gallery, Adelaide
 'Tasart', Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS
 'one of each', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
2013 'Hula Dreams', Gallery East, Sydney
 'Artwank', Box Gallery, Sydney
 'Australian Galleries exhibition', Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW
2012 'ANL Maritime Art Award', Docklands, Melbourne

- 'Devonport Art Award', Devonport Art Gallery, Devonport, TAS
- Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney
- 'I Love my City Art Collection', Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
- 2011 'Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing', Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney
- 'Large exhibition of small works', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
- 'Summer Exhibition', Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney
- 2010 **Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney**
- 'Narrative Realism: A world observed', Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney
- 'Xstrata Percival Award', Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD
- 'Directors Cut Blake Prize', online exhibition
- 'Stan and Maureen Gold Coast Art Prize', Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast,
- 'Hula Dreams', Gallery East, Sydney
- 2008 'Group Exhibition', Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney
- 'Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Glenmore Road, Sydney
- 'Michelle Hiscock and Nerissa Lea', Adelaide Central Gallery, Adelaide
- National Self Portrait Prize, Queensland University, Brisbane
- The Coloured Digger 2, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- Step Right Up, Albury Regional Gallery, Victoria (touring)
- United Nations of Cupco, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Sydney
- Portia Geach Portrait Prize, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 'Small Pleasures', Australian Galleries Painting & Sculpture, Melbourne
- 'National Artist's Self Portrait Prize', The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
- The Coloured Digger, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- Gosford Art Prize, Gosford, NSW
- 2006 'Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 'Summery', Australian Galleries Painting & Sculpture, Sydney
- '50th Anniversary Exhibition', 5th June, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- Jacques Cadry Memorial Art Prize Exhibition, Byron Kennedy Hall, Fox Studios, Sydney
- 2005 'End of Year Group Exhibition', Australian Galleries Painting and Sculpture, Sydney
- 'ABN AMRO 2005 Emerging Artist Award', ABN AMRO Tower, Sydney
- 'Small important works', Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2004 Portia Geach Portrait Prize, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney
- The Alice Prize, Alice Springs Art Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 'In the presence of all creatures great and small', Australian Galleries works on paper, Sydney
- 2003 Portia Geach Portrait Prize, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
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- Touring Exhibition, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 'Crickart Exhibitions', Bat and Ball Hotel, Sydney
- 'Alcart Exhibitions', Bat and Ball Hotel, Sydney
- 'Guitar Shaped World Exhibitions', Tamworth City Gallery, Tamworth, NSW
- 2001 'Australian Painting and Sculpture', Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2000 Melbourne Art Fair 2000, Melbourne
- Willoughby Art Prize, Willoughby Art Gallery, Sydney
- 1999 'Architectonic', Cullity Art Gallery, Perth
- 1998 Blake Prize for Religious Art, New South Wales State Library, Sydney
- 1997 'Still Life', Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney

1996 'Naked', Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney
 1995 'Recent Paintings', Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney
 1994 'Rapture', Dubbo Art Gallery, Dubbo, NSW
 1989 Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
 1988 The Mitchelton Print Exhibition, Shepparton Art Gallery, Shepparton, VIC
 Savage Club Invitation Drawing Prize, R.M.I.T Gallery, Melbourne
 1987 The Andrew and Lillian Pederson Prize, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
 1986 'The Repeated Image', Griffith University Gallery, Brisbane
 1985 Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Gallery, Fremantle, WA
 1984 Henry Worland Print Award, Warrnambool Gallery, Warrnambool, VIC

AWARDS

2023 Burnie City Council Open Award (Winner), TASART Prize 2023, Burnie, TAS
 Maritime Art Prize (Finalist), The Mission to Seafarers, Docklands, VIC
 The Lester Prize (Finalist), The Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
 2017 BP Portrait Award (Semi-finalist), National Portrait Gallery, London
 Bell Bay Aluminium Overall Excellence Prize (Winner), Tasmanian Regional
 Arts, Launceston
 2016 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, (Finalist), Woollahra Municipal Council,
 Sydney
 Lethbridge 10,000 Small Scale Art Award, (Finalist), Lethbridge Gallery, Sydney
 2015 Manning Art Prize (2D Award for Excellence), Manning Regional Art Gallery,
 Tarree, NSW
 2010 Portia Geach Portrait Prize (Highly Commended), S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney
 2004 Portia Geach Portrait Prize (Winner), S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
 2000 Willoughby Art Prize (Highly Commended), Sydney
 1989 Power Studio Residency, Cite des Arts Complex, Paris
 1985 Artist in Resident, Griffith University, Brisbane
 1983 Best Animation, Young Filmmakers Awards, Adelaide

COLLECTIONS

Albury City Gallery, Albury, VIC
 Gold Coast City Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
 Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
 Private collections in Australia and overseas