

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

RON ROBERTSON-SWANN

Born 1941

1957-59 Studied sculpture under Lyndon Dadswell, National Art School, Sydney
1962 Studied sculpture (postgraduate) under Sir Anthony Caro OM and Phillip King CBE, St Martins School of Art, London, England
1978-89 Head of Sculpture Department, Canberra School of Art, Canberra
2009-current Head of Sculpture, National Art School, Sydney

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'At the Edge'
2025 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Free Range'
Benalla Art Gallery, Benalla, VIC, and Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne 'Illusion and Gravity'
2024 Australian Galleries (online), 'Sculptures and Paintings'
2022 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Ron at Eighty'
2019 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'A Different Perspective'
2018 Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Radiant Colour, Clarity and Crispy Light in Embraced Space'
Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, 'Radiant Colour, Clarity and Crispy Light in Embraced Space'
2016 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Landscape, Still Life, The Figure and More: A Survey'
2015 Janet Clayton Gallery, Sydney, 'Joy of Colour'
2007 Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Assemblage'
2005 Michael Carr Gallery, Sydney, 'Assemblage'
2000 Michael Carr Gallery, Sydney, 'Two Modern Masters, Colin Lanceley (Painting) Ron Roberston-Swann (Sculpture)'
Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
1999 Sydney Festival, Royal Botanic Gardens & Sydney Opera House, Sydney (including commission of "Paradisio"), 'Sculpture on Site'
Olsen/Carr Gallery, Sydney
1997 Olsen/Carr Gallery, Sydney, 'Interplay'
1994 Meridian Gallery, Melbourne, 'Mixing Memory & Desire'
1991 Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
1989 Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne
1988 Irving Sculpture Gallery, Sydney
Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne
1987 Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Survey 1965 – 87 Paintings'
Painters Gallery, Sydney
1985 Michael Milburn Gallery, Brisbane
Orange Festival of Arts, NSW; Wollongong City Gallery, NSW, Curated by Peter Haynes, 'Form as Narrative'
1978 Gallery A, Sydney
1977 Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne
1976 Gallery A, Sydney
1975 Solander Gallery, Canberra
Newcastle City Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW, Curated by David Thomas, 'Survey Exhibition of Painting & Sculpture 1965-1975'
1974 Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne
Rudy Kormon Gallery, Sydney
1973 Rudy Kormon Gallery, Sydney

1972	Rudy Kormon Gallery, Sydney
1970	Bertha Shafer Gallery, New York, USA
	Rudy Kormon Gallery, Sydney
1969	Crossley Gallery, Melbourne
	Rudy Kormon Gallery, Sydney
1968	Rudy Kormon Gallery, Sydney

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025	Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer Show'
2023	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
2023	Cottesloe, Perth, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
2022	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '6 x 6 x 6" Miniature Sculpture Show 2022' Sculpture in the Vineyards, Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea' Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside' Wollombi NSW, 'Sculpture in the Vineyards' Sawmillers Reserve, Sydney, 'Sculpture at Sawmillers'
2020	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
2018	Moonah Arts Centre and Contemporary Art Tasmania, Hobart, 'Beyond the Field (Still)' Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea' National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'The Field Revisited' Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction 18: Further a-Field, 1970s' Sutton Forrest, NSW, 'Hill View Sculpture Biennial' Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Melbourne, 'Monochrome: Empty & Full' Murrumbateman, NSW, 'Sculpture in the Paddock'
2017	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea' Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Sculpture: medium and small scale – Mixed Sculptors' Sawmiller Reserve McMahons Point, Sydney, 'Sculpture at Sawmillers' Barangaroo, Sydney, 'Sculpture at Barangaroo' Crawford Gallery, Sydney, 'Opening Show' Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction 17: A Field of Interest c.1968'
2016	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea – Twentieth Annual Exhibition' (Winner, Artistic Excellence Program) Sawmiller Reserve, McMahons Point, Sydney, 'Sculpture at Sawmillers' Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction 16'
2015	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside' Aarhus, Denmark, 'Sculpture Inside' Aarhus, Denmark, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
2014	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside' Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea' Janet Clayton Gallery, Sydney, '4 in Form' Melbourne, 'Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award' McMahons Point, Sydney, 'Sculpture at Sawmillers' Incinerator Artspace, Sydney, 'Thin Ice2' Studio W, Sydney, 'The Combine' Mildura Arts Centre, Mildura, VIC, 'Mildura Revisited: Sculptures Exhibited 1961-1978' National Art Collection, Sydney, 'Art Unearthed' Cottlesloe Surf Lifesaving Club, Perth, 'Sculpture Inside' Cottlesloe, Perth, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
2013	Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction 12' Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside' Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
2012	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside'

	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
	Redleaf Council Chambers, Sydney, 'Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize'
	Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction I I'
	FONAS, National Art School, Sydney, 'The Plate Show'
	National Art School, Sydney, 'Artworks and Artwords'
	Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington Peninsula, VIC, 'Controversy: The Power of Art'
	Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Melbourne Art Fair'
2011	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside'
	Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Preview 2011'
2009	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Miniature Show'
	Redleaf Council Chambers, Sydney, 'Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize'
	Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction 9'
	Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, 'Cubism and Australian Art'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 'Tracking the Field'
	Aarhus, Denmark, 'Sculpture Inside'
	Aarhus, Denmark, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Abstraction'
	Peter Pinson Gallery, Sydney, 'After the Field'
	Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne, 'Every Artist Remembered'
	Cottlesloe Surf Lifesaving Club, Perth, 'Sculpture Inside'
	Cottlesloe, Perth, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
	Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown, and Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW, 'Gallery A Sydney 1964-1983'
	The National Art School Gallery, Sydney, 'Drawcard'
2008	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Miniature Show'
	Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction 8'
	Asago Art Village, Asago, Japan, 'Hygo & Australia State Exchange International Sculpture Exhibition'
	Invisible Lodge, Freycinet, Tasmania, 'Ephemeral Art at the Invisible Lodge'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2008'
2007	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Miniature Show'
	SNO Gallery, Sydney, '27'
2006	Bondi Beach, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside'
	Bondi Beach, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
2005	Cottlesloe Surf Lifesaving Club, Perth, 'Sculpture Inside'
	Cottlesloe, Perth, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
	Defiance Gallery and Defiance at Seymour Theatre, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2005'
2004	Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'What's the Matter'
	The National Art School, Sydney, 'Drawcard: The National Art School Postcard Show'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'The March of Miniatures: The 9 th Annual 6 x 6 Miniature Sculpture Show'
	Foyer MLC Centre, Sydney, 'Sculpture in the MLC'
	Michael Carr Art Dealer, Sydney, 'Spring'
	Michael Carr Art Dealer, Sydney, 'Conversation Pieces'
	Charles Nodrum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Modern Australian Paintings'
	Parliament House, Canberra, 'Invitational Spectrum 2004'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2004'
2003	McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC, 'McClelland Survey & Award'
	Charles Nordum Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstraction III'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Great Works for the Great Outdoors'
	Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen, VIC, 'This was the future... Australian Sculpture of the 1950s, 60s, 70s + TODAY!'
	National Art School, Sydney, 'Duration'
	National Art School, Sydney, 'Beneath the Surface'
2002	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Annual Miniature Show'

2001	McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC, 'Towards Colour'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2002'
	Bondi Beach, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside'
	Bondi Beach, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
	National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, 'Federation, Australian Art Society 1901-2001'
2000	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'The Importance of Being Small'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2001'
	Bondi Beach, Sydney, 'Sculpture by the Sea'
	National Art School, Sydney, 'Half Metre Square'
	Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '6 x 6 x 6'
	Campbelltown Regional Gallery, Campbelltown, NSW, 'Tribal Echo'
	Oceanic Arts Centre, Sydney, 'Tribal Echo'
	Access Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2000'
	Michael Car Art Dealer, Sydney, 'Old New Millennium'

COMMISSIONS

2022	"Nijinsky", Government House, Sydney
1999	"Paradisio", Sydney Festival, Sydney Opera House, Sydney
2013	Prows on Swanston Street, Melbourne
1999	"Paradisio", Sydney Festival, Sydney Opera House, Sydney
	Design N.S.W Premier's Public Sector Awards Medallion, Sydney
1998	Design N.S.W Premier's Public Sector Awards Medallion, Sydney
1997	Design N.S.W Premier's Public Sector Awards Medallion, Sydney
1984	"Leviathan Play", Queensland Cultural Centre, Brisbane
1980	"Vertex" Devonport Jaycees, Hobart
1978	"Vault", Melbourne City Square, subsequently relocated to Batman Park, Melbourne
1977	Tapestry Design, Dunk Island, QLD

AWARDS

2022	Sculpture in the Vineyards, Governor's Prize
2017	The Helen Lempriere Scholarship
2016	Bondi, Sydney, Sculpture by the Sea – Twentieth Annual Exhibition, Winner, Artistic Excellence Program
2008	Renaza Resources Sculpture Prize, Australia
1991	Stanthorpe, QLD, Stanthorpe Prize
1977	Bathurst, NSW, Bathurst Prize
1976	Alice Springs, NT, Alice Prize
	Australia Council, Sydney, Visual Arts Board Grant
	Townsville, QLD, Townsville Pacific Art Festival
1970	Mildura, VIC, Mildura Purchase Prize
1969	Melbourne, Comalco Invitational Sculpture Award, Sydney, Transfield Prize
1965	Liverpool, England, John Moore Exhibition, Painting Prize

COLLECTIONS

Amstar Corporation, New Haven, Connecticut, USA
Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
Artbank, Sydney

Australian National Gallery, Canberra
 Australian National University, Canberra
 Canberra School of Art, Canberra
 Colac City Council, Colac, VIC
 Gold Coast City Council, Gold Coast, QLD
 Collection of Sir Anthony Caro OM, London, England
 Deakin University, Melbourne
 Devonport Region Art Gallery, Devonport, TAS
 Leicester Education Authority, Leicestershire, England
 Macquarie University, Sydney
 McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC
 Mildura Arts Centre, Mildura, VIC
 Monash University, Melbourne
 National Australia Bank, Australia
 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
 Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW
 Parliament House, Canberra
 Performing Arts Centre, Geelong, VIC
 Queensland Art gallery, Brisbane
 Queensland Cultural Centre, Brisbane
 Riverina College of Advanced Education, Wagga Wagga, NSW
 Stanthorpe Art gallery, Stanthorpe, QLD
 Transfield Collection, Sydney
 University of New South Wales, Sydney

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