

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

RODNEY POPLÉ

Born 1952, Launceston, TAS, Australia

1972-74	Diploma of Fine Arts (Photography), Tasmanian School of Art, Hobart
1977-78	Postgraduate (Sculpture), Slade School of Art, London, UK
1979	Postgraduate (Sculpture), New York Studio School, New York, USA
2005	Part-time lecturer in painting, National Art School, Sydney

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'New works and selected earlier paintings and sculptures'
2024	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Freedom'
2022	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Nursery Rhymes'
2020	Australian Galleries, online, 'Rodney Pople on Paper: 1980 – 2020'
	Despard Gallery, Hobart, 'Embattled'
2019	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Shell Shocked'
2017	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Devil if you do...'
2016	Despard Gallery, Hobart, 'Endangered'
2015	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Lie of the Land'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Golden Age'
2014	Australian Centre for Photography, Sydney, 'Lie of the Land'
2013	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Paint it Black'
2012	Despard Gallery, Hobart, 'Shudder'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Degas's night'
2011	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Knight Moves'
2010	Despard Gallery, Hobart, 'Altared'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Bellini 21c'
2009	Eastlink Gallery, Shanghai, China, 'Transposing the Common II'
2008	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Sydney'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Black and White'
2007	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Icebreaker'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Crystal clear'
2006	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Venice Series'
2004	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'So Pretty'
2002	Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney
2001	Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney
1994	Beijing International Art Palace, Beijing, China
	Australian Embassy, Beijing, China
	Annandale Galleries, Sydney
1993	Annandale Galleries, Sydney
1992	Bett Gallery, Hobart
1991	Australian Galleries, Sydney
1989	William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
1988	William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
1987	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
	Salamanca Art Gallery, Hobart
	Cockatoo Gallery, Launceston, TAS

1986	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
1985	Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
	Michael Milburn Galleries, Brisbane
	The Performance Space, Sydney
1984	The Performance Space, Sydney
1983	Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne
1982	Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
1981	Art Empire Industry Gallery, Sydney

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries Celebrates 70 Years: 1956 – 2026 Group Exhibition'
2025	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refuses'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer Show'
2024	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refuses'
2023	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refuses'
2022	Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW, '2°: Euan Macleod and Rodney Pople'
2021	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refuses'
2020	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refuses'
2019	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries: The Purves Family Business. The First Four Decades', Book Launch and Group Exhibition
	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refusés'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'papermade'
	The John Glover Society, Evandale, TAS, Glover Prize
	Gallipoli Memorial Club, Sydney, Gallipoli Art Prize
	Muswellbrook Art Gallery, Muswellbrook, NSW, 46 th Muswellbrook Art Prize
2018	The John Glover Society, Evandale, TAS, Glover Prize
2017	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Sculpture: medium and small sculpture – Mixed Sculptors'
	Orange Regional Gallery, Orange, NSW, 'Artist Profile: Australasian Painters 2007-2017'
	The Lost One's Contemporary Art Gallery, Ballarat, VIC, 'Taking the Myth'
2016	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refusés'
	Bouddi Foundation for the Arts at Yellow House, Sydney, 'Self Portraits on Paper'
2015	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'An exhibition of paintings, sculpture & works on paper'
	Marlene Antico Fine Art, Sydney, Paddington Art Prize
	Tattersall's Club, Brisbane, Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, Mosman Art Prize
2014	Juniper Hall, Sydney, Doug Moran National Portrait Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'one of each'
2013	Gallows Gallery, Perth, 'Australian Galleries at Gallows Gallery'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
2012	Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf, Sydney, Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize
	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refusés'
	Redlands Art Prize, Redlands, Sydney
2011	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'large exhibition of small works'
	Menzies Art Brands Gallery, Sydney, Paddington Art Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer Exhibition'
2010	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer Show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
	Solander Gallery, Canberra, 'Australian Masters 2010'

	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Artists' Prints made with Integrity I'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer Show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
2009	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Stock show'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'A Sculpture by...'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Sulman Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize
2008	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Stock Show'
	Fleurieu Arthouse, McLaren Vale, SA, Fleurieu Art Prize
	Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW, Kilgour Art Prize
	Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW, 'Wish You Were Here'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Lake Macquarie, NSW, 'Who let the dogs out'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Stock Exhibition'
2007	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Stock Show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'A Selection of Portraits'
	University of Queensland, Brisbane, 'National Artist's Self Portrait Prize'
	The John Glover Society, Evandale, TAS, The John Glover Prize
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Small Pleasures'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
2006	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summery'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Stock Show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, '50 th Anniversary Exhibition'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
2005	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'End of Year Group Exhibition'
	Virginia Wilson Art in association with William Wright Artists' Projects, Sydney, 'Bleak Epiphanies.... an exhibition of small black things'
	Michael Nagy Gallery, Sydney, 'Dog Trumpet, RSPCA Fundraiser'
	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Council, Sydney
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	The National Art School, Sydney, 'Walking the Line'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Personage, The Figure on Paper'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Small Important Works'
	Artspace Mackay, Mackay, QLD, 'Fireworks, tracing the incendiary in Australian Art'
2004	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Sulman Prize
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'In the presence of all creatures great and small'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Species'
2003	Sir Herman Black Gallery, The University of Sydney, Sydney, The 52 nd Blake Prize
2002	Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, 'William Creek and Beyond' (book launch)
2001	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	PCL Exhibitionist Gallery, Sydney, Roche Contemporary Art Prize
	International Works on Paper Fair, Sydney
2000	Defiance Gallery, Sydney
1999	University of New South Wales College of Fine Arts, Sydney, 'Silver'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Sulman Prize
	International Works on Paper Fair, Sydney
1998	SCEGGS Redlands Invitation Exhibition, Sydney
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Sulman Prize
1997	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
1996	Tamworth City Gallery, Tamworth, NSW, 'It's a Guitar Shaped World'

	Eva Breuer Art Dealer, Sydney, 'Nude and Naked'
	The Kings School, Sydney, 'The Kings School Art Prize'
	Kedumba Gallery, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 'Kedumba Drawing Prize'
	Annandale Galleries, Sydney, 'Shelf Works'
1994	Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney, 'Drawing from Inspiration'
	Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne
	Hong Kong International Art Fair, Hong Kong, China
	Blaxland Gallery, Sydney, The 43 rd Blake Prize
1993	Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne, 'Roger Taylor Re-presents'
	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'On the other hand'
	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refusé'
	Blaxland Gallery, Sydney, The 42 nd Blake Prize
1992	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'A Private Collection'
	Macquarie Galleries, Sydney, 'New York Studio School Alumni Exhibition'
	Blaxland Gallery, Sydney, The 41 st Blake Prize
1991	Aberdare Invitational Art Prizes, Ipswich, QLD
1990	Lake Macquarie Gallery, Lake Macquarie, NSW, 'Lake Macquarie Art Prize'
	Geelong Art Gallery, Geelong, VIC, 'Scotchman Hill Vineyard Art Prize'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Stock Show'
	Second Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne
1989	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 'Mindscape'
	National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'Freestyle: Australian Art from the 60s to now'
	ICI Contemporary Art Collection, Melbourne
	William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, 'Opening Exhibition'
1988	National Touring Exhibition, Australia, 'Moët & Chandon'
	Newcastle Region Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW, 'Purchase Exhibition'
	New South Wales Institute of Technology, Sydney
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Artists make Ceramics'
1986	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Artists Make Furniture'
	National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'Young Australians: Budget Rent a Car Collection'
1985	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 'Australian Perspectives '85'
	Michael Milburn Galleries, Brisbane, 'Small Works'
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Thinking Aloud'
1984	Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, 'Survey Exhibition'
	The Performance Space, Sydney, 'Sculpture '84'
1982	Art Empire Industry, Sydney, 'Wall Sculpture: Sydney Biennale'
1981	Latrobe University, Melbourne, 'First Australian Sculpture Triennial'
1980	Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Albert Hall Purchase Exhibition'
1979	New York Studio School, New York, USA, 'Studio Sculpture Show'
1978	Gulbenkian Gallery, London, UK, 'London Group'
	Institute of Contemporary Art, London, UK, 'Young Contemporaries'
	Slade School of Art, London, UK, 'Postgraduate Exhibition'
1977	Fine Arts Gallery, University of Tasmania, Hobart, 'Snakes and Ladders'

AWARDS

2026	Muswellbrook Art Gallery, Muswellbrook, NSW, Muswellbrook Art Prize (Finalist)
2023	Mosman Art Gallery, Mosman, NSW, Mosman Art Prize (Finalist)
2021	The John Glover Society, Evandale, TAS, The Glover Prize (Finalist)
	Juniper Hall, Paddington NSW, Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (Finalist)
2020	The John Glover Society, Evandale, TAS, The Glover Prize (Finalist)
	Gallipoli Memorial Club, Sydney Gallipoli Art Prize (Finalist)

2019	Juniper Hall, Paddington, Sydney, Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (Finalist)
2018	Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney, The 65 th Blake Prize (Finalist)
	Gallipoli Art Prize, Gallipoli Memorial Club, Sydney, (Highly commended)
	Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, Mosman Art Prize (Finalist)
2017	Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf, Sydney, Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize (Finalist)
	Deakin University, Melbourne, Deakin University Sculpture Prize (Finalist)
2016	Marlene Antico Fine Art, Sydney, Paddington Art Prize (Winner)
	Juniper Hall, Sydney, Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (Finalist)
	Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf, Sydney, Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize (Finalist)
2014	Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney, Fischer's Ghost Art Award (Winner)
	Tattersall's Club, Brisbane, Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize (Highly Commended)
2012	The John Glover Society, Evandale, TAS, The Glover Prize (Winner)
2011	The John Glover Society, Evandale, TAS, The Glover Prize (Highly Commended)
2010	Australia Council Visual Arts Board Grant for new work
	Blake Society at The National Art School Gallery, Sydney, The 59 th Blake Prize (Highly Commended)
	Artist in Residency Program, Taronga Zoo, Sydney
2009	New South Wales Parliament House, Sydney, Plein Air Painting Prize (Winner)
2008	The Kings School, Sydney, The Kings School Art Prize (Winner)
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Sulman Prize (Winner)
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynn Prize (Highly Commended)
	Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, Paddington Art Prize (People's Choice Award)
2007	Blake Society at The National Art School Gallery, Sydney, The 56 th Blake Prize (Highly Commended)
	Australia Council Visual Arts Board Grant for new work
2006	Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, SCEGGS Redlands Westpac Art Prize (Winner)
	Blake Society at The National Art School Gallery, Sydney, The 55 th Blake Prize (Highly Commended)
1999	National Art School Travel Grant (New York)
1996	Project Grant, Visual Arts/Craft Fund of the Australia Council, Sydney
1994	Campbelltown City Gallery, Sydney, Fisher's Ghost Art Award (Winner)
1993	Asialink overseas residency, Beijing Art Academy, China
1990	Residency at Mora Dyring Studio, Art Gallery of New South Wales Trust, Cité International des Arts, Paris, France
1988	Project Grant, Visual Arts/Craft Fund of the Australia Council, Sydney
	Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Lake Macquarie, NSW, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery Invitational Art Prize (Winner)
1984	Project Grant, Visual Arts/Craft Board of the Australia Council, Sydney
	Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board Grant, Arts Tasmania, Hobart
1978	Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board Grant, Arts Tasmania, Hobart

COLLECTIONS

Artbank, Sydney
 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
 Bond University, Brisbane
 Gold Coast Regional Gallery, Surfers Paradise, QLD
 ICI Contemporary Art Collection, Melbourne
 Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Lake Macquarie, NSW
 Macquarie University Art Gallery, Sydney
 National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
 Newington College, Sydney

Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
SCEGGS Redlands School, Sydney
The King School, Sydney
Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW
University of Western Sydney, Sydney
University of Queensland, Brisbane
Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW

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