

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

CHRISTINE WREST-SMITH

Born 1963, Melbourne, Australia

1997	Study tour, London, UK
2001	Drawing workshop, Anatomy School, University of NSW, Sydney
2003-06	Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons), Monash University, Melbourne
2004	Study in Prato, Italy, Semester two of Monash University Bachelor of Fine Arts
2011	Study tour of 10 Indigenous Community Art Centres, Central Australia
2018	CraneoCreacion, Seville, Spain

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Recent works'
2024	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Recent Work Outback NSW'
2021	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Autumn Offerings'
2020	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Parched and Present'
2017	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'One's own work'
	The Vault Gallery, Mildura, VIC
2016	Lyceum Club, Melbourne
2014	Australian Galleries, Melbourne
2013	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Recent work'
	Lyceum Club, Melbourne, 'Habitat'
2012	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Habitat'
	Eltham College, Melbourne, 'Masterworks Contemporary Art Exhibition'
2011	Light Factory Gallery, Melbourne, 'Habitat'
	Without Pier Gallery, Melbourne, 'Habitat'
2009	69 Smith St Gallery, Melbourne
2008	Mitchelton Gallery, Mitchelton, QLD
	Red Gallery, Melbourne
	Benalla Regional Art Gallery, Benalla, VIC
2006	Fresh Gallery, Melbourne
	RMIT Pit Space Gallery, Bundoora Campus, Melbourne
	Monash University Runt Space Gallery, Melbourne
2000	Cato Gallery, the Victorian Artists Society, Melbourne

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries Celebrates 70 Years: 1956 – 2026 Group Exhibition'
	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refusés'
2025	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Birds of a Feather'
2024	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Ceramics'

2019 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries: The Purves Family Business. The First Four Decades', Book Launch and Group Exhibition
Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'About the land'
Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'papermade'

2018 Bega Valley Regional Gallery, Bega, NSW, 'Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award'
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, 'Percival Portrait Prize'
Hilton Hotel, Melbourne, 'Marvellous Melbourne'

2017 Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Juniper Hall, Sydney, 'Doug Moran National Portrait Prize'
S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Portia Geach Memorial Award'
Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Sculpture: medium and small scale: Mixed Sculptors'
Hilton Hotel, Melbourne, 'Marvellous Melbourne'

2016 Juniper Hall, Sydney, 'Doug Moran National Portrait Prize'

2015 S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Portia Geach Memorial Award'
Walker Street Gallery, Melbourne, 'She Exhibition'
Media House Gallery, The Age, Melbourne, 'Outstanding Women Artists'

2014 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'one of each'
Hilton Hotel, Melbourne, 'Marvellous Melbourne'
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, 'Percival Portrait Painting Prize'
St Patrick's College, Ballarat, VIC, 'Flanagan Art Prize'
Juniper Hall, Sydney, 'Doug Moran National Portrait Prize'
Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW, 'Eutick Memorial Still Life Award'

2013 McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park, Langwarrin, VIC, 'Airborn'
Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Centenary Show'
Montsalvat, Melbourne, 'Nillumbik Prize'

2012-13 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
Touring: New South Wales and Victoria, Australia 'Mortimore Art Prize'

2012 Masterworks Contemporary Art Show, Melbourne
Montsalvat, Melbourne, 'Nillumbik Prize'

2011 Media House Gallery, Melbourne, 'The hidden faces of the Archibald Portraits Exhibition'

2010 Hilton Hotel, Melbourne, 'The hidden faces of the Archibald Portraits Exhibition',
Kew Gallery, Melbourne, 'Women's Exhibition'

2006 Monash University, Melbourne, 'Graduate Show'

2005 The Hidden Faces of the Archibald, Melbourne
Monash University, Melbourne, 'Graduate Show'

2004 The Hidden Faces of the Archibald, Melbourne
Monash University, Prato, Italy, 'Group Exhibition'

2003 S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Salon des Refusés'
The Hidden Faces of the Archibald, Melbourne
Kew Gallery, Melbourne, 'Women's Exhibition'

2002-07 Kew Gallery, Melbourne

2001-03 Delshan Gallery, Melbourne

2001 Monash University, Prato, Italy, 'Group Exhibition'
The Victorian Artists Society, Melbourne, 'Victorian Labor Party Launch: Portrait of Mr Greg Sword, Archibald Portrait prize entry', launched by Hon. Kim Beazley, Hon. Steve Bracks and Hon. Mary Delahunty MLA

2000 The Victorian Artist's Society, Melbourne, 'Norma Bull Bi-annual Scholarship'

1998-03 The Victorian Artist's Society, Melbourne, 'Artist of the Year Exhibition'

1998 The Victorian Artist's Society, Melbourne, 'Norma Bull Bi-annual Scholarship'
Glen Eira Gallery, Melbourne, 'AME Bale Traveling Scholarship exhibition'

1996 The Victorian Artists Society, Melbourne, 'Norma Bull Bi-annual Scholarship'

1995 The Victorian Artists Society, Melbourne

AWARDS

2025	National Centre for Environmental Art, VIC, WAMA Art Prize (Finalist)
	Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW, Calleen Art Award (Finalist)
2024	State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, Brisbane Portrait Prize (Finalist)
	Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, Percival Portrait Painting Prize (Finalist)
2023	The Mission to Seafarers, Docklands, VIC, Maritime Art Prize (Finalist)
2022	Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney, Fischer's Ghost Art Award (Finalist)
	The Barn Gallery Montsalvat, VIC, Rick Amor Self Portrait Prize (Finalist)
	Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, Percival Portrait Painting Prize (Finalist)
	Cleland Bond Store, Sydney, Gallipoli Art Prize (Finalist)
	Castlemaine Art Museum, Castlemaine, VIC, Len Fox Painting Prize (Finalist)
2021	Manning Regional Gallery, Taree, NSW, 'Naked and Nude Art Prize' (Finalist)
2020	Bega Valley Regional Gallery, NSW, Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award (Finalist)
	Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, Percival Portrait Painting Prize (Finalist)
2019	Castlemaine Art Museum, Castlemaine, VIC, Len Fox Prize (Finalist)
	Cowra Regional Art Gallery, Cowra, NSW, Calleen Art Award (Finalist)
2016	Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, Percival Portrait Painting Prize (Finalist)
2011	Eltham College, Melbourne, Masterworks Contemporary Art Exhibition (Winner)
2010	Savage Club, Melbourne, Savage Club Prize (Winner, Best Work on Paper and Second Prize Overall)
	Montsalvat, Melbourne, Nillumbik Prize (Commended)
2002	The Victorian Artists Society, Melbourne, Artist of the Year
2001	Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, 'Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors Annual Exhibition' (Honorable Mention, Portrait)
1998	The Victorian Artists Society, Melbourne, Gordon Moffat Award

RESIDENCIES

2025	Lancaster Press, Fiji
2019	SharkValley Institute, Kangaroo Valley, NSW
2016	The Vault Gallery, Mildura, VIC
2015	The Vault Gallery, Mildura, VIC
2011	Montsalvat, Melbourne

SELECTED PORTRAIT COMMISSIONS

2023	Sasha Kavis, St Andrew's College, Australia
	Gemma Larkin, St Andrew's College, Australia
2009	Mr John Westacott, Australia
2007	Dr Andrew Ling, Australia
2006	Mrs Carmel Benjamin AO, Court Network, Australia
2005	Senator Lynne Allison, Federal Democrats Leader, Australia
2003	Mr Brian Hamley AO, Epworth Hospital President, Melbourne
2002	The Honorable Mary Delahunty MLA, Australia

- 2001 Mr John Anstee, Senior Plastic Surgeon, Alfred Hospital, Melbourne – portrait painted during theatre operation in procedure. Preliminary paintings and drawings conducted on location in the Mercy Private Hospital, Victorian Plastic Surgery Unit, Melbourne
- 2000 Mr P. McDonald Smith FVAS, Melbourne
Mr Greg Sword, National and State ALP President, Australia
Professor J. Epstein, commissioned by the Western General Hospital and unveiled by the Minister for Health, John Thwaities, Filmed by Nine Network News, Australia
Mr J. Anstee, Australia
- 1998 Dr Hugh Ryan, Australia
- 1997 Professor T. Klein, Melbourne University, Melbourne

COLLECTIONS

Court Network, Melbourne
Cowra Regional Gallery
Dr Ryan, Australia
Epworth Hospital, Melbourne
Melbourne University, Melbourne
Mr Anstee, Australia
Western General Hospital, Melbourne
Whitehorse Artspace

Public and Private Collections

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