

Melissa Read-Devine

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Melissa was born in England in the 1960s and as a child emigrated to Australia with her family. She has studied & practiced printmaking and painting continuously since the mid '90s and is a recipient of many prizes and awards. Her sought after works are part of many private and public collections around the world.

Living in rural Sydney overlooking the Hawkesbury River, Melissa's paintings have evolved into her "macropointilist" style celebrating the shape, colour and brushstroke of contemporary impressionism.

An Associate of the Royal Art Society of NSW, Melissa is a fine art tutor and travels to teach art enrichment workshops around the world.

Exhibitions (selected)

- 2020 Group show "Landlines" Rochfort Gallery North Sydney
Solo show "Flight of Fancy" Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach NSW
- 2019 Duo show "Jewels of the Earth" Galleryone88 Katoomba with Penelope Oates
Duo show with Julie Simmons, Balmain Space
Group Show "Culture Crash" ARO Gallery, Darlinghurst
Group Show "Artful Alchemy" Gang Gang Gallery Lithgow
Group Show "Land Rhythms" Rochfort Gallery North Sydney
- 2018 Solo Show "Set in Place" Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach
Solo Show "Polychromy" Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
Group Shows "Land & Sea", "Petals & Pods", "Whimsy" Rochfort Gallery North Sydney
- 2017 Solo Show "Also A Printmaker" Breathing Colours, Balmain
Solo "Verdance" 19Karen Contemporary Art Space, Gold Coast
- 2016 Finalist, Flanagan
Finalist, Corangamarah
Finalist Lethbridge 10000
Finalist, Fleurieu Food & Wine Art Prize
Solo Show "Kaleidoscope Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach NSW
Duo show "Duet" Dank St Gallery with Julie Simmons
- 2015 Finalist Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Coffs Harbour
Finalist Fishers Ghost Art Award
"The Kangaroos Visit", Rome, Italy
Duo Show "From The Knife's Edge" Sassafras Creek Gallery, Kurrajong with Taryn Malzard
Duo Show "Mergence" Gaffa Gallery, Sydney with Penelope Oates
Solo Show "Birdsong" Breathing Colours, Balmain
Invited artist, Hawkesbury Art Fair, Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
- 2014 Finalist, Paddington Art Prize
Solo Show "Springsong" Breathing Colours, Balmain
Solo Show "Open Garden" Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach
Finalist Lethbridge 10000
Finalist Stanthorpe Art Prize
- 2013 Finalist Blacktown Art Prize
Finalist Hawkesbury Art Prize
Finalist Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Coffs Harbour
"Sanctuary" Solo Exhibition, 19 Karen Contemp Artspace, Gold Coast
Finalist Northbridge Art Prize
Finalist, Flanagan Art Prize
"Treesong" Solo Exhibition, Breathing Colours Gallery, Balmain
"Under a Grand" Rex Livingston Gallery
- 2012 Finalist, Norvill Art Prize
Art Expo Sydney
"Under a Grand" Rex Livingston Gallery
Finalist, Northbridge Art Prize
"InsideOut" 3 artist show, Balmain
"International" 3 artist show, Creative Gallery, Oakland CA USA
Art Melbourne
Group "Equine", Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach

- 2011 Camberwell Art Show
 Finalist, Hawkesbury Art Prize
 Festival of Fishers Ghost, Campbelltown Arts Centre
 Finalist, Hornsby Art Prize
 Northbridge Art Prize (Highly Commended)
 Finalist, Blacktown City Art Prize
 Finalist Eutick Memorial Still Life Awards, Coffs Harbour
 Solo - "Arborescence" Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach NSW
 Art Melbourne 2011
 Finalist Prometheus Visual Art Award
 Camberwell Art Show
 Group – "Triptych" Washhouse Gallery Rozelle
 Elemental Matters: Artists Imagine Chemistry Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 Solo - "Looking for the Forest" Washhouse Gallery Rozelle
 Camberwell Art Show
 Finalist, Blacktown City Art Prize
 Finalist, Norvill Art Prize
 Northbridge Art Prize
 Finalist, Redland Art Awards
 Centro Cultural Arquitectura of the School of Architecture of Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León México
- 2009 Festival of Fishers Ghost, Campbelltown Arts Centre
 Grabados Por La Paz 2009 (Prints for Peace) Monterrey, Mexico
 Compact Prints -KickArts Contemporary Arts Gallery, Cairns
 "A Dog of a Show" Megalo Printmakers, ACT
 Camberwell Art Show, "Wax, Paint & Print" Ferry Artists Gallery, Wisemans Ferry
 Compact Prints – Studio Paradiso, Sandon VIC
 International Printmaking Collective 2009 org by Arte/Desarrollo Humano in Monterrey NL México
- 2008 Canterbury Tales, Harper Community College, Palatine, Illinois, USA
 Festival of Fishers Ghost, Campbelltown Arts Centre
 Umbrella Studio, Townsville "Compact Prints"
 Hawkesbury Printmakers, Windsor NSW
 Solo "Allegory & Observation" St. Albans Gallery
 Camberwell Art Show
- 2007 Dedalo Gallery Italy
 Cancer Council Victoria Touring Exhibition
 Int. Mail Art Exhib. The Arts Council of Greater New Haven Small Space Gallery USA
 Christian Art Award Finalist, Redeemer Lutheran College, Rochedale, QLD
 Solo Exhibition Gallery Café, Surry Hills Sydney
 EMSLA Finalist Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery
- 2006 Boyd Art Gallery, Harrington Park, NSW (CASS Exhibition)
 Wagga Wagga Art Gallery: "Recent Acquisitions: Photos & Prints"
 Australian Society of Miniature Art QLD Noosa Art Gallery
 Australian Society of Miniature Art NSW Willoughby
 Post It Exhibition, Atkinson Gallery, Southport, UK
 Compact Prints, Umbrella Studio, Townsville
- 2005 Combined Art Societies Sydney, Darling Harbour, Sydney NSW
 "It's a Small World", Noosa, QLD
 Australian Society of Miniature Art NSW Willoughby

Publications

Artists Palette #120 April 2013 Australian Artist Magazine #235 Jan 2004 Baren (USA) Calender 2004
 Blue Mountains Life November 2016 Australian Artist Magazine September 2017

Public Collections

1st Armoured Regiment, Darwin
 The Australian Print Collection of the Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery, NSW, Australia
 Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, USA, Oregon State University, USA
 Westmead Hospital, Sydney "Astray"
 Museum Casa da Xilogravura in Campos do Jordao, Brazil. "City of the World" collaborative print

Galleries

19 Karen Contemporary Art Space, Gold Coast
Manyung Galleries Melbourne VIC
Ferry Artists Gallery, Wisemans Ferry NSW
KAB Gallery Terrigal NSW

Thom Gallery Byron Bay NSW
Purple Noon Gallery Freemans Reach NSW
Rochfort Gallery, Nth Sydney
Humble House Gallery, Canberra

Societies & Groups

The Royal Art Society of NSW (Associate)
Ferry Artists Inc(Wisemans Ferry NSW)

Awards

Various prizes and honorable mentions in exhibitions throughout Australia including.

- 2019 Highly Commended, Medal of Distinction - Royal Art Society NSE
- 2018 2nd Prize Singleton Art Prize – Still Life
- 2017 Finalist Blacktown Art Prize
- 2016 Best in Show Hunter Valley Grammar Art, 1st Prize (Still Life) Sydney Royal Easter Show,
Finalist Lethbridge 10000, Fleurieu Food & Wine Art Prize, Flanagan & Corangamarah
- 2015 Finalist Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Coffs Harbour, Finalist Fishers Ghost (Open)
- 2014 Finalist Paddington Art Prize, Stanthorpe Art Prize. Highly Commended Camberwell Art Show,
- 2013 Finalist, The Flanagan Art Prize, Northbridge Art Prize, Hawkesbury, EMSLA, Blacktown
1st Prize (Portraits) Drummoyne Art Exhibition, 1st Prize (Still Life) Singleton Art Show
1st Prize Royal Canberra Show
- 2012 1st Prize Pirtek Still Life Award, Bowral, Finalist Kogarah Art Prize (Packers Room Prize)
Finalist Mount Eyre Art Prize, Norvill Art Prize
1st Prize Camden Art Prize, 3rd Prize Royal Easter Show, 1st Prize Port Stephens
- 2011 Finalist Eutick Memorial Still Life Awards, Coffs Harbour
Finalist (Highly Commended) Northbridge Art Prize, Finalist Prometheus Visual Arts Award,
Finalist Westmead Art Prize
- 2010 Finalist Norvill Art Prize, Redland Art Awards
- 2008 1st Prize Port Macquarie
- 2007 Finalist Eutick Memorial Still Life Awards, Coffs Harbour, Finalist Redeemer Lutheran College Foundation
Christian Art Award, 2007 Finalist (Highly Commended) Cancer Council Vic Arts Awards
1st Prize & Highly Commended Sydney Royal Easter Show, 1st & 2nd Prize Royal Canberra Show