

# King Street Gallery

on William

10am – 6pm Tuesday – Saturday

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## Wendy Sharpe

**Born** 1960 Sydney, Australia

### Education and Employment

1978-79 Art Certificate, Seaforth Technical College, Sydney, NSW  
1980-82 B. A. (Visual Arts), City Art Institute, Sydney, NSW  
1983 Graduate Diploma of Education (Art) Sydney Institute of Education, NSW  
1984 Graduate Diploma of Professional Art, City Art Institute, NSW  
1991-92 M.A. (Fine Arts), College of Fine Arts, University of NSW

### Solo exhibitions [Selected from over 80]

2024 *I Am All Those Who Are No More* Rockhampton Museum of Art, Rockhampton, QLD  
*Spellbound* Art Gallery of NSW  
*Games of Chance* Aarwun Gallery, Canberra, ACT  
2023 *Wheel of Fortune* King Street Gallery on William, NSW  
2022- 2023 *A Dance to the Music of Time* Lake Macquarie Art Museum [Museum of Art and Culture], NSW  
2022 *Her Shoes* 52 Drawings for Lou's Place Women's Refuge, Juniper Hall, NSW  
2021 *Where is the little Street?* Sydney Jewish Museum, NSW '*Pandora's Box*', Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC  
2020 *Ghosts* Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
*Magic* King Street Gallery on William, Sydney  
*Celebrating Women: Hamlin Fistula Foundation* Macquarie Space Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
2019 *The Most Northly Exhibition* Artic Unveiled, Svalbard, Norway  
*Paris Stories* Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, QLD  
2018 *Paris Windows* King Street Gallery on William, Sydney  
*Secrets* Maitland Regional Gallery, NSW  
2017- 2018 *Wendy Sharpe* Clayton Utz, Sydney, NSW  
2017 *Wanderlust* Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC  
*Burlesque and Circus* Linton and Kay, Perth, WA  
*Burlesque and Circus* Aarwun Galleries Canberra ACT  
*House of Dreams and The Book of Constant Stars* Juniper Hall, Sydney, NSW  
2016 *Wendy Sharpe- China* Linyi Contemporary Art Centre, Linyi, China  
*China Stories* Shanghai Cultural Centre and Art Gallery Shanghai, China  
*CIRCUS* King Street Gallery on William, Darlinghurst, Sydney  
*Butt Naked Salon* with The Australian Art Quartet Yellow House, Sydney, NSW

- Theatre of Dreams* Drawing Projects UK, Trowbridge, UK  
*Wanderlust* Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah QLD  
*Beautiful Monsters* Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane  
2015 *Theatre of Dreams* Michael Reid Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
*Seeking Humanity – Portraits of Asylum Seekers* National Travelling Exhibition  
2014 *Le Regard de Deux Australiens* Espace Beaujon, 75008 Paris, France  
*Night* King Street Gallery on William, Darlinghurst, Sydney  
2013 *Wendy Sharpe's Antarctica* Long Gallery, Salamanca Art Centre, Hobart, TAS  
*Truth or Dare* Muk Muk Fine Art, Darwin, NT  
2012 *Wendy Sharpe's Antarctica* Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour  
Sydney, NSW  
2011 *Wendy Sharpe - the Imagined Life* (retrospective) S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
2010 *Venice* King Street Gallery on William Sydney  
2008 *Intimacy and Solitude* Adele Boag Gallery Adelaide, SA  
2007 *Stories from the Studio* Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane  
2006 *Couples* Mars Gallery Melbourne, VIC  
2005 *Artist & City* Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT  
2000 *New Beginnings-East Timor* Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT  
1999 *The Annette Kellermann Mural* King Street Gallery on William Burton, Sydney, NSW  
1991 *Ghosts* Pod Theatre, Sydney, NSW  
1990 *Magic Paintings* DC Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
1985 *Sex and Death* Nicholson Street Gallery, Sydney, NSW

**Group exhibitions [selected from over 150]**

- 2025 *Telling Stories: Heroine Mythology Recast*, Drawing Projects UK  
2024 *Salon des Refuses* SH Ervin Gallery; The David Roche Foudation, Adelaide, S.A.;  
White Cottage Gallery, Retford Park, Bowral, NSW  
*Portia Geach At 60*, S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
2023 *Still Life Award* Coffs Harbour Gallery and Museum, NSW  
*Naked and Nude Prize* Manning Regional Gallery, NSW  
2022 *Len Fox Painting Award Finalist* Castlemaine Art Museum, VIC  
2021 *Look At/Look Through* BSA Project Space, NSW  
2020 *Fisher's Ghost Art Award* Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW  
*Muswellbrook Art Prize* Muswellbrook Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
*The Mosman Art Prize* Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney  
2018 Hill Smith Gallery Art Central Hong Kong  
*John Leslie Art Prize* Melbourne  
2017 *Uneasy Idyll* Hill Smith Gallery, Art Central, Hong Kong  
*Contemporary Australian Drawing #7* Langford 120 Vic  
2016 *Menagerie* Hill Smith Gallery  
*#celebrate End of year show* King Street Gallery on William, Sydney  
*Paddington Art Prize* Sydney, NSW  
*Sulman Prize Finalist Exhibition* Art Gallery of NSW  
*Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing* PLC Sydney  
*Paul Guest Drawing Prize* Sydney  
*The Glover Art Prize* Falls Park Pavilion, Tasmania  
*John Leslie Art Award* Gippsland Art Gallery, Vic  
*Len Fox Painting Award* Castlemaine Gallery, Vic  
*Packsaddle* New England Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
2015 *End of Year Exhibition* King Street Gallery on William  
*Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing* PLC  
*Packsaddle* New England Regional Art Gallery

2014 *Contemporary Australian Drawing* SACI Gallery, Florence  
*Salon des Refuses* SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
*Drawing Show* Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide  
*Paul Guest Drawing Art Prize* Bendigo Art Gallery, Vic  
*Paddington Art Prize* Sydney, NSW  
*Packsaddle* New England Regional Art Gallery  
 2013 *Banyule Works on Paper Award*, Vic  
*Last but not Least* King Street Gallery on William, Sydney  
*Looking Forward* King Street Gallery on William, Sydney  
 2012 *Paul Guest Prize* Bendigo Art Gallery, Vic  
*Tattersall's Club Art Prize* Brisbane  
*Geelong Contemporary Art Prize* Geelong Gallery, Vic  
*Adelaide Perry Drawing Prize* Pymble Ladies College Sydney  
*The Animal Show* King Street Gallery on William, Sydney  
 2011 *Zoo AiR* Newcastle University Gallery, NSW  
*Five Miles from the Sea* Victoria University Gallery, Melbourne  
*Hazelhurst Art Award* Hazelhurst Art Gallery, NSW [finalist]  
*Exquisite Corpse* Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, USA  
 2010 *painting (as one)* Australian Experimental Art Foundation, Adelaide  
*Sulman Prize* Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney  
*ACGA @ Fed Square* Melbourne, Vic  
 2009 *City of Hobart Works on Paper Prize* Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery, TAS  
*SQUARED* Greenhill Galleries, Perth, WA  
*Mt Eyre Vineyards Art Prize* Rex Livingstone Gallery, Sydney (Winner - Viewers Choice)  
*R & M McGivern Prize* Maroondah Art Gallery, VIC  
*Salon des Refuses* National Trust S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
*Some Recent Painting: The Director's Cut* John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne  
 2008 *Convergence* a Monash University Research Cluster Exhibition, Shifted, Melbourne  
 2007 *Natura 45* Downstairs, Melbourne  
 2006 *Sulman Prize* Art Gallery of NSW  
*Tattersall's Club Art Prize* Brisbane  
*Whiteout* Benalla Regional Art Gallery, VIC  
*Whiteout* Span Gallery, Melbourne  
 2005 *Whiteout* Maroondah Art Gallery, Melbourne  
*Banyule Works of Paper Art Prize* Mosman Art Gallery  
*Tattersall's Club Art Prize* Brisbane  
 2004 *Precious Platters* fund-raising exhibition for the Jewish Museum of Australia  
*Sotheby's* Melbourne  
 2003 *Sulman Prize* Art Gallery of NSW  
*University of Anhui* The People's Republic of China  
*R & M McGivern Art Prize* Maroondah Art Gallery  
*Nillumbik Art Prize* Melbourne  
 2002 *We are Australian* Melbourne Immigration Museum, Monash University  
*ASYLUM* Dante's Upstairs Gallery, Melbourne  
*Just Married!* Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne  
 2000 *The Exquisite Corpse* Bendigo Art Gallery, Vic  
 1997 *Exposure Artists' portraits of Artists* Linden Gallery, Australia Felix Benalla Melbourne  
 1996 *A Taste in Art* in support of Community Aid Sotheby's Australia  
*Geelong Contemporary Art Prize* Victoria  
*Conrad Jupiter's art Prize* Gold Coast, QLD Australia Felix Benalla  
*Sulman Prize* AGNSW

- 1995 *Still Life* Robin Gibson Gallery  
 Chelsea Arts Club, London Australia Felix Benalla
- 1993 *R.M. Ansett Award* City of Hamilton, VIC  
*Moet & Chandon* Touring Exhibition
- 1992 Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne
- 1991 *The Open-Door* Sotheby's Melbourne
- 1990 *Moet & Chandon* Touring Exhibition University of Vermont, USA  
*Alice \*125* City Square, Melbourne
- 1988 *Heidelberg & Heritage* Linden Gallery, Melbourne  
*Still Life In the 80's* Greenhill Galleries, Adelaide  
 University of NSW Invitation Art Purchase Exhibition, Sydney  
*A Horse Show* Heide Gallery, Melbourne
- 1987 *A Drawing Exhibition* Reconnaissance Gallery, Melbourne  
*Paintings from Leeuwin Estate* Greenhill Galleries
- 1986 *Oz Drawing* Now Holdsworth Contemporary Galleries  
*Heart & Spirit* Greenhill Galleries
- 1985 *Six Young Artists* Holdsworth Contemporary Galleries

#### **Awards & residencies [Selected]**

- 2023 Wendy Sharpe Member [AM] of the Order of Australia [General Division], King's  
 Birthday 2023 Honors
- 2021 Sydney Jewish Museum, Sydney
- 2016 Hill End Artist in Residence, Haefligers Cottage, NSW
- 2011 Acquisition by City of Yarra Contemporary Art Collection Zoo AiR Artist in Residence,  
 Taronga Zoo, Sydney
- 2010 Kedumba Drawing Award, Wentworth Falls, NSW
- 2009 Travel scholarship, Monash University  
 People's Choice Mt. Eyre Vineyards Prize
- 1993 R.M. Ansett Award, Vic
- 1990 Nillumbik Prize, Vic
- 1988 Nillumbik Prize

#### **Collections**

Artbank  
 Arthur Anderson & Co.  
 BHP Billiton  
 City of Hamilton Art Gallery  
 City of Yarra Contemporary Art Collection, Vic  
 Doverly Manor Museum, UK  
 Lake Macquarie Regional Gallery  
 Macquarie University  
 Melbourne Water  
 Nillumbik Shire Art Collection  
 The Art Gallery of New South Wales  
 The Dobell Foundation Maitland Regional Art Gallery  
 The Holmes a Court Collection  
 The Kedumba Collection  
 The Leeuwin Estate

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