

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]

- 2024 *Salon des Refuses* SH Ervin Gallery; The David Roche Foundation, 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
Contemporary Australian Drawing SACI Gallery, Florence

2014 *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
Still Life Robin Gibson Gallery

- 1995 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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