

King Street Gallery on William

10am – 6pm Tuesday – Saturday

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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]

2025 *Between Worlds*, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
House of Ghosts, Norman Lindsay Gallery, National Trust, Blue Mountains, NSW
2024 *I Am All Those Who Are No More* Rockhampton Museum of Art, Rockhampton, QLD
Spellbound Art Gallery of New South Wales [AGNSW]
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 *Transience* Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
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,
2018 *Paris Windows* King Street Gallery on William
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

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

Group exhibitions [selected from over 150]

2025	<i>The Ravenswood Art Prize for Women</i> Ravenswood School for Girls, Gordon
	<i>Salon des Refusés</i> S. H. Ervin Gallery, National Trust, Observatory Hill
	<i>Telling Stories: Heroine Mythology Recast</i> , Drawing Projects UK
2024	<i>Salon des Refusés</i> S. H. Ervin Gallery; The David Roche Foundation, Adelaide, S.A.;
	White Cottage Gallery, Retford Park, Bowral, NSW
	<i>Portia Geach At 60</i> , S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney
2023	<i>Still Life Award</i> Coffs Harbour Gallery and Museum, NSW
	<i>Naked and Nude Prize</i> Manning Regional Gallery, NSW
2022	<i>The Ravenswood Art Prize</i> , Ravenswood School for Girls, Gordon
	<i>Len Fox Painting Award Finalist</i> Castlemaine Art Museum, VIC
2021	<i>Archie 100: A Century of the Archibald Prize</i> , Art Gallery of NSW, Geelong Gallery, VIC, Cairns Art Gallery, QLD, Art Gallery of SA, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS, Bathurst Regional Gallery, NSW, Museum and Art Gallery of NT, Home of the Arts, Gold Coast, QLD, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, ACT 6
	Touring from 6 November 2021 to 28 January 2024
	<i>Look At/Look Through</i> BSA Project Space, NSW
2020	<i>Fisher's Ghost Art Award</i> Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW
	<i>Muswellbrook Art Prize</i> Muswellbrook Regional Art Gallery, NSW
	<i>The Mosman Art Prize</i> Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney
2018	Hill Smith Gallery Art Central Hong Kong
	<i>John Leslie Art Prize</i> Melbourne
2017	<i>Uneasy Idyll</i> Hill Smith Gallery, Art Central, Hong Kong
	<i>Contemporary Australian Drawing #7</i> Langford 120 Vic
2016	<i>Menagerie</i> Hill Smith Gallery
	<i>#celebrate End of year show</i> King Street Gallery on William, Sydney
	<i>Paddington Art Prize</i> Sydney, NSW

	<i>Sulman Prize Finalist Exhibition</i> Art Gallery of NSW
	<i>Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing</i> PLC Sydney
	<i>Paul Guest Drawing Prize</i> Sydney
	<i>The Glover Art Prize</i> Falls Park Pavilion, Tasmania
	<i>John Leslie Art Award</i> Gippsland Art Gallery, Vic
	<i>Len Fox Painting Award</i> Castlemaine Gallery, Vic
	<i>Packsaddle</i> New England Regional Art Gallery, NSW
2015	<i>End of Year Exhibition</i> King Street Gallery on William
	<i>Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing</i> PLC
	<i>Packsaddle</i> New England Regional Art Gallery
	<i>Contemporary Australian Drawing</i> SACI Gallery, Florence
2014	<i>Salon des Refusés</i> SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney
	<i>Drawing Show</i> Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide
	<i>Paul Guest Drawing Art Prize</i> Bendigo Art Gallery, Vic
	<i>Paddington Art Prize</i> Sydney, NSW
	<i>Packsaddle</i> New England Regional Art Gallery
2013	<i>Banyule Works on Paper Award</i> , Vic
	<i>Last but not Least</i> King Street Gallery on William, Sydney
	<i>Looking Forward</i> King Street Gallery on William, Sydney
2012	<i>Paul Guest Prize</i> Bendigo Art Gallery, Vic
	<i>Tattersall's Club Art Prize</i> Brisbane
	<i>Geelong Contemporary Art Prize</i> Geelong Gallery, Vic
	<i>Adelaide Perry Drawing Prize</i> Pymble Ladies College Sydney
	<i>The Animal Show</i> King Street Gallery on William, Sydney
2011	<i>Zoo AiR</i> Newcastle University Gallery, NSW
	<i>Five Miles from the Sea</i> Victoria University Gallery, Melbourne
	<i>Hazelhurst Art Award</i> Hazelhurst Art Gallery, NSW [finalist]
	<i>Exquisite Corpse</i> Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, USA
2010	<i>painting (as one)</i> Australian Experimental Art Foundation, Adelaide
	<i>Sulman Prize</i> Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
	<i>ACGA @ Fed Square</i> Melbourne, Vic
2009	<i>City of Hobart Works on Paper Prize</i> Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery, TAS
	<i>SQUARED</i> Greenhill Galleries, Perth, WA
	<i>Mt Eyre Vineyards Art Prize</i> Rex Livingstone Gallery, Sydney (Winner - Viewers Choice)
	<i>R & M McGivern Prize</i> Maroondah Art Gallery, VIC
	<i>Salon des Refusés</i> National Trust S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
	<i>Some Recent Painting: The Director's Cut</i> John Buckley Gallery, Melbourne
2008	<i>Convergence</i> a Monash University Research Cluster Exhibition, Shifted, Melbourne
2007	<i>Natura 45</i> Downstairs, Melbourne
2006	<i>Sulman Prize</i> Art Gallery of NSW
	<i>Tattersall's Club Art Prize</i> Brisbane
	<i>Whiteout</i> Benalla Regional Art Gallery, VIC
	<i>Whiteout</i> Span Gallery, Melbourne
2005	<i>Whiteout</i> Maroondah Art Gallery, Melbourne
	<i>Banyule Works of Paper Art Prize</i> Mosman Art Gallery
	<i>Tattersall's Club Art Prize</i> Brisbane
2004	<i>Precious Platters</i> fund-raising exhibition for the Jewish Museum of Australia
	<i>Sotheby's</i> Melbourne
2003	<i>Sulman Prize</i> Art Gallery of NSW

	<i>University of Anhui</i> The People's Republic of China
	<i>R & M McGivern Art Prize</i> Maroondah Art Gallery
	<i>Nillumbik Art Prize</i> Melbourne
2002	<i>We are Australian</i> Melbourne Immigration Museum, Monash University
	<i>ASYLUM</i> Dante's Upstairs Gallery, Melbourne
	<i>Just Married!</i> Monash Gallery of Art, Melbourne
2000	<i>The Exquisite Corpse</i> Bendigo Art Gallery, Vic
1997	<i>Exposure Artists' portraits of Artists</i> Linden Gallery, Australia Felix Benalla Melbourne
1996	<i>A Taste in Art</i> in support of Community Aid Sotheby's Australia
	<i>Geelong Contemporary Art Prize</i> Victoria
	<i>Conrad Jupiter's art Prize</i> Gold Coast, QLD Australia Felix Benalla
	<i>Sulman Prize</i> AGNSW
	<i>Still Life</i> Robin Gibson Gallery
1995	<i>Chelsea Arts Club</i> , London Australia Felix Benalla
1993	<i>R.M. Ansett Award</i> City of Hamilton, VIC
	<i>Moet & Chandon</i> Touring Exhibition
1992	Melbourne Contemporary Art Gallery, Melbourne
1991	<i>The Open-Door</i> Sotheby's Melbourne
1990	<i>Moet & Chandon</i> Touring Exhibition University of Vermont, USA
	<i>Alice *125</i> City Square, Melbourne
1988	<i>Heidelberg & Heritage</i> Linden Gallery, Melbourne
	<i>Still Life In the 80's</i> Greenhill Galleries, Adelaide
	University of NSW Invitation Art Purchase Exhibition, Sydney
	<i>A Horse Show</i> Heide Gallery, Melbourne
1987	<i>A Drawing Exhibition</i> Reconnaissance Gallery, Melbourne
	<i>Paintings from Leeuwin Estate</i> Greenhill Galleries
1986	<i>Oz Drawing</i> Now Holdsworth Contemporary Galleries
	<i>Heart & Spirit</i> Greenhill Galleries
1985	<i>Six Young Artists</i> Holdsworth Contemporary Galleries

Awards & residencies [Selected]

2025	Jenny Robinson Print Studio residency
2023	Wendy Sharpe enacted a Member [AM] of the Order of Australia [General Division], King's Birthday Honors, 2023
2021	Sydney Jewish Museum, Sydney
2019	Enacted as a fellow of the Royal Society of NSW
2018	Awarded a Fellowship with the National Art School [NAS], Sydney
2016	Hill End Artist in Residence, Haefligers Cottage, NSW
2016-current	Ambassador for the Asylum Seeker Centre, Sydney, NSW
2012-2013	Anzac Centenary Advisory Arts Committee. Australian Government. Canberra, ACT
2012	Residency to Antarctica, as a guest of Mawson's Huts Foundation
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
2005	Enacted as a member of the Australian Watercolour Institute
2005-2011	Member of Council -Australian War Memorial. Canberra, ACT
1999	<i>Official War Artist</i> to Timor-Leste, with the Australian War Memorial
1996	WINNER 1996 Archibald Prize, AGNSW
1993	R.M. Ansett Award, Vic

1990	Nillumbik Prize, Vic
1988	Nillumbik Prize

Collections

Adelaide Perry Collection, Croydon, NSW
ANZAC Memorial, Sydney, NSW
ArtBank
Art Gallery of Ballarat, VIC
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
Arts Centre, VIC
Arthur Anderson & Co.
Australian Embassy, Paris, France
Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT
Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW
BHP Billiton Australia
Blue Mountains City Art Gallery, NSW
City of Belmont, Perth, WA
City of Sydney Council, NSW
City of Hamilton Art Gallery
City of Yarra Contemporary Art Collection, Vic
The Dobell Foundation Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Doverly Manor Museum, UK
Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, NSW
The Holmes a Court Collection
Kedumba Drawing Collection
Lake Macquarie Museum of Art and Culture, NSW
The Leeuwin Estate
Maitland Regional Gallery, NSW
Macquarie University
Manly Regional Gallery, NSW
Manning Regional Gallery, VIC
Melbourne Water
Mosman Art Gallery, NSW
National Art School, Sydney, NSW
National Maritime Museum, Sydney, NSW
National Portrait Gallery, ACT
Nillumbik Shire Art Collection
Northern Beaches Library, Manly, Sydney, NSW
Orange Regional Gallery, NSW
Qantas, Australia
Rockhampton Museum of Art, QLD
State Library of NSW
State Library of Queensland
Sydney Jewish Museum, NSW
Tweed River Art Gallery, NSW
University of Queensland
University of Sydney, NSW
Warringah Council, NSW
Waverley Council, NSW
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