

MELINDA SCHAWEL

Born 1970 Waukegan, Illinois, USA

STUDIES

- 1996 Postgrad Degree, Fine Arts (Honours) Printmaking, RMIT, Melb
- 1993 BA, Fine Arts and Communication Studies (Honours), University of California Santa Barbara, USA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Weightless, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2023 Light as a Feather, Wagner Contemporary, Sydney, NSW
- 2022 Restraint, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2020 Unravelling, Beaver Galleries, Canberra, ACT
- 2020 The Flip Side, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2019 Solitude, Wagner Contemporary, Sydney
- 2019 Summertime in the Mountains, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide
- 2018 Boundless, Sydney Contemporary, Wagner Contemporary, Sydney
- 2018 Second Chances, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2017 Silver Lining, Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2017 Higher Ground II, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide
- 2017 Higher Ground, Wagner Contemporary, Sydney
- 2016 Protected, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2015 Out From Under Me, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide
- 2014 Traverse, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2014 Traverse, Artspace Foyer Gallery, Mackay
- 2012 Torn, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2009 Full Circle, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2006 Out of Touch, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2003 Lingua Franca, Global Art Source, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2000 Etched, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 1999 Helengory Galerie, Prahlan

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Six Women Artists: Action in Abstraction, Wagner Contemporary
- 2022 Small Works, Beaver Galleries
- 2022 Omnia Art Prize, St Kevin's College, Toorak
- 2021 Spark, Sydney Contemporary Online with Wagner Contemporary
- 2020 Of Colour and Light 2020, Women Abstract Artists Biennial, West End Art Space, Melbourne
- 2019 30 x 30, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne
- 2019 Paper: cut, stain, fold, press, Beaver Galleries
- 2018 Subterrain, FLG at Collins Place, Melbourne Art Week
- 2018 Art Central Hong Kong with Hill Smith, Hong Kong
- 2017 Denfair, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne Convention Centre

- 2016 Works on Paper, Hill Smith Gallery, Adelaide
- 2016 Of Colour & Light, Yarra Sculpture Gallery, Abbotsford, VIC
- 2015 Small Works, Beaver Galleries, ACT
- 2015 Magical, Neospace, Collingwood, VIC
- 2015 Drawing: A Fundamental Liberation V, Wagner Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2015 Roots & Wings with Belinda Fox, Beaver Galleries, ACT
- 2015 Direction Now, Wagner Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2014 25th Anniversary Exhibition, Flinders Lane Gallery, VIC
- 2014 The Portrait Show, Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne. VIC
- 2013 Grounded, Australian High Commission, Singapore
- 2010 Four Squared, Gallery S.P.A.C.E., Savannah, Georgia, USA
- 2009 Obra Grafica Murtra Edicions, Collegi d'Aparelladors, Barcelona (Mataró), Spain
- 2009 Four Squared, University Gallery, Uni of Northern Florida, USA
- 2009 20Plus, Flinders Lane Gallery, VIC
- 2009 Paper Works, Gallery RFD, Swainsboro, Georgia, USA
- 2008 Surface Tension, Flinders Lane Gallery, VIC
- 2008 The Perfumed Garden, Flinders Lane Gallery, VIC
- 2007 Treasures, Flinders Lane Gallery, VIC
- 2007 Christmas Collection, Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2007 50, Exchange Folio, Geelong Gallery, Geelong
- 2007 Masterworks in the Vineyard, Swiper's Gully, Kangaroo Ground
- 2007 The Studio Show, Flinders Lane Gallery
- 2007 Pure, Flinders Lane Gallery
- 2006 Treasures, Flinders Lane Gallery
- 2006 Melbourne Art Fair with Flinders Lane Gallery
- 2006 Meeting Place, Keeping Place, George Adams Gallery, Arts Centre, Melbourne
- 2006 Slowly, Slowly, Kudos Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 Art Sydney 05, Sydney
- 2005 Up to Speed (2 person show with Belinda Fox), Beaver Galleries
- 2004 Ausstellung in der Kupferdruckwerkstatt, Zürich, Switzerland
- 2003 Del Mar, Kulturbüro Schaufensterprogramm, Bern, Switzerland
- 2003 Grafik und mehr, Galerie Vostry, Erfurt, Germany
- 2002 Works on Paper, Global Art Source, Zürich
- 2002 Land-line, Port Jackson Press Australia, Fitzroy
- 2002 Crossroads, Broken Hill Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2002 Confluence, Warrnambool Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2002 Sojourn (2 person show), Beaver Galleries
- 2001 Minutia, Exchange Folio, Australian Print Workshop, Fitzroy
- 2000 Treasures, End of Year Exhibition, Flinders Lane Gallery

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- 1999 7th International Works on Paper Fair, Sydney
1998 Intaglio +, Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
1997 6th International Works on Paper Fair, Mitchell Galleries,
State Library of NSW

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2024 Waterhouse Natural Science Art Prize, finalist, South Australian Museum, SA
2024 Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing finalist, PLC, Sydney, NSW
2023 Finalist, WAMA Art Prize for Works on Paper
2022 Finalist, Omnia Art Prize, St Kevin's College, Toorak, VIC
2021 Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art, finalist, Montsalvat, VIC
2020 Finalist, Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery, NSW
2017 Finalist, Whyalla Art Prize
2017 People's Choice Winner, Adelaide Perry Drawing Prize,
Adelaide Perry Gallery, NSW
2016 Finalist, The Nillumbik Prize, Montsalvat, Eltham
2016 Residency, The Art Vault, Mildura, Victoria
2015 Fisher's Ghost Art Award, finalist, Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW
2015 Residency, Chiang Mai Art on Paper Workshop, Thailand
2015 Finalist, The Nillumbik Prize, Montsalvat, Melbourne
2013 Finalist, The Nillumbik Prize, Montsalvat, Melbourne
2012 Residency, Whitsunday Anglican School, MacKay, Australia
2012 Finalist, Fisher's Ghost Art Award
2004 Residency, Frans Masereel Centre, Kasterlee, Belgium
2002 Colour Intaglio workshop at La Fundacio Pilar Joan Miro, Mallorca, Spain
2002 Recipient of Pat Corrigan Artist's Grant (NAVA)

PUBLIC ART

- 2020 Stainless steel tree grill, Cranbourne West Community Hub, City of Casey

COLLECTIONS

City of Whitehorse (VIC), City of Casey (VIC), Geelong Regional Gallery (VIC), Royal Museum of Fine Art Antwerp (Belgium), Frans Masereel Centre of Graphic Arts (Belgium), National Gallery of Australia (ACT), Artbank (NSW), Charles Sturt University (NSW), Phillips Fox Lawyers (ACT), Ritz Carlton (Fla, USA), Address Downtown (Dubai, UAE), Norwegian Encore & Bliss (USA), Ocean Tower Hilton (Hawaii, USA), Westin (WA), Four Seasons (SF, USA), Crown Towers Perth (WA), Astral (NSW), Renaissance Westerville (Ohio, USA), Jupiters Casino (QLD), Fraser Suites Perth (WA), Hyatt (Philippines), Hilton (VIC, SA), Four Seasons (NSW), Stockland Development (NSW) Sebel Hotel (VIC), Westin (NSW), Park Hyatt (VIC), Crown Casino (VIC), private collections in Europe, USA, Australia, Asia.

FINE ART PUBLISHERS

- 2006-7 Port Jackson Press Australia, Melbourne
2003-4 Murtra Edicions, Arenys de Munt, Spain

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