

## CV/BIO

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Represented Marie Gallery5 and Art Advisory Sliema, Malta  
Represented Galerie Heimat Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, France

### Education

**2000** Master of Fine Arts Research College of Fine Arts, University of NSW  
**1997** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Honours Class 1, College of Fine Arts, University of NSW  
**1993** Associate Diploma in Fine Arts, St George College of TAFE

### Education Scholarships/Awards

**1998** Australian Post Graduate Award Scholarship  
**1997** Chancellor's choice for outstanding achievement UNSW  
**1993** Basil and Muriel Hooper Scholarship AGNSW  
State Commission Medal Highest pass in Fine Arts Diploma NSW TAFE  
Highest Achievement Award, St George College of TAFE

### Solo Exhibitions

**2025** *'Grotto Girl'*, MUZA National Museum of Art, Valletta, Malta (upcoming)  
**2023** *'Shadow Sanctuary'*, Marie Gallery5 Gallery and Art Advisory Sliema, Malta  
**2022** *'Nebuchadnezzar Tree Dreaming - Works on paper and Ceramics'*, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra  
*'In the wake of...'*, Hurstville Museum and Gallery, Sydney  
**2020** *'Come Shower With Me'*, The SHAC Gallery, Robertson  
**2016** *'Riversdale Dreaming'*, PLC Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney  
**2015** *'Interior Monologue – A Carousel'* Moran Gallery, Sydney  
**2015** *'Penny for my Thoughts'*, A-M Gallery, Sydney  
**2013** *'A Scattering Of Pages'*, (Art Month artist) A-M Gallery, Sydney  
**2012** *'Breathing Life Into Pieces'*, Sheffer Gallery, Sydney  
**2009** *'Dig'*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney  
**2003** *'With A Twist'*, A-Space Gallery, Sydney  
**2000** *'Metaphor as Autobiography'*, Kudos Gallery, Sydney

### Selected Group Exhibitions

**2024** *'Revealed: Hidden treasures from the art collection'*, Curated exhibition - works from the permanent collection, Hurstville Museum and Gallery (upcoming)  
*'Passion for Painting'*, Marlene Antico's personal selection of National PAP finalists (Online)  
*'Life in Working IV'*, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre  
*'Hazelhurst Painter Teacher'*, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre  
*'Women at Altitude'* - Celebrating Women artists in the Kedumba Collection, Blue Mountains Grammar School, Wentworth Falls  
*'Kaloskagathos'*, presented by Palmer Art Projects, Post Space, Exeter  
**2023** *'In the Arms of Unconsciousness - Women, Feminism and the Surreal'*, A landmark cross-generational exhibition bringing together 21 significant female Australian Artists that examines feminism and the Surreal curated by Carrie Kibbler, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'MARA' Second Edition Collective Showcase*, Curated by Maria Galea, Bureau Iniala, Valletta, Malta  
*'Life in Working Art III - Hazelhurst Teachers and Preparators'*, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
**2022** *'Exposition Ateliers'* - DRAWinternational Artist Residency Exhibition, Caylus, France  
*'ACB - Selects'*, Amber Creswell Bell's Selection from the 'National Emerging Artist Prize', Michael Reid Northern Beaches Gallery Online  
*'In the Flesh'* - Invitational Artoure Contemporary Group Exhibition, Comber St Gallery, Sydney  
*'Adelaide Perry Drawing Prize'* - Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney

**2021** *'Life in Working Art II - Hazelhurst Teachers and Preparators'*, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'Reciprocity: A collaboration between painters and ceramicists'*, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'Movers and Shapers II - Women I Land I Sculpture'*, Broadhurst Gallery Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'Splash McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award'*, McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery, Victoria

**2020** *'Hazelhurst 2020'* - Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'Exposition Noël\_002'*, Galerie Heimat, St Remy Provence, France  
*'John Copes Portrait Prize'* Bowral Art Gallery, Bowral  
*'Paddington Art Prize'*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney

**2019** *'Exposition Noël\_001'*, Galerie Heimat, St Remy Provence, France  
*'Everyday Madonna'* - curated by Jenny Cheeseman, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'Connexions Silencieuses'* -curated by Nicky Ginsberg Eglise St Laurent, Eygelières, Provence France

**2018** *'Movers and Shapers - Women And The Land'*, Broadhurst Gallery Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'The Way We See Ourselves'*, curated by Caitlan Casey, Westend Art Space, Melbourne

**2017** *'Land'*-curated by Katherine Roberts, Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney  
*'Artist Profile: Australasian Painters 2007-2017'*, Orange Regional Gallery, Orange  
*'Three Painters'*, McGlade Gallery ACU, Sydney  
*'Portia Geach Memorial Award'*, National Trust SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
*'Fisher's Ghost Art Prize'*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney

**2016** *'Fisher's Ghost Art Prize'*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney  
*'Art Fair Philippines'* – Gajah Gallery, Manila  
*'Art Stage Singapore'* – Gajah Gallery, Singapore  
*'Vantage Points'*, Art Month, Art Est, Sydney

**2014** *'The Democracy of Drawing'*, (Art Month) AirSpace Projects, Sydney  
*'Home'* Gallery Represented Artists, A-M Gallery, Sydney  
*'Fisher's Ghost Art Award'*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney

**2013** *'Kedumba Drawing Award'*, Wild Valley Art Park, Wentworth Falls, Sydney *'The Kedumba Collection of Australian Drawings'*, Orange Arts and Health, Orange Regional Gallery, Orange

### **Selected Awards and Prizes**

**2024** Finalist - *'Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing'*, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney

**2023** Finalist - National Aquisitive *'Paddington 20th Anniversary Art Prize'*, Cooee Art Leven Gallery, Sydney  
Finalist - *'Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award'*, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney  
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**2022** Finalist - *'M16 Artspace Drawing Prize'*, M16 Artspace ,Griffith ACT  
Finalist *'Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing'*, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC Sydney, Sydney

**2021** Winner- *'Highly Commended - Paddington Art Prize'*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
Finalist - *'Splash McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award'* (acquisitive), McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery, Victoria  
Finalist - *'Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award'*, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney  
Finalist *'Milburn Art Prize'*, Brisbane Institute of Art, Brisbane  
Finalist *'Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing'*, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney

**2020** Winner *'John Copes Portrait Prize'*, Bowral Art Gallery, Bowral  
Finalist, *'Paddington Art Prize'*, Defiance Gallery, Sydney  
Semi Finalist - *'BAM Art Prize'*

**2019** Recipient DRAWinternational Artist-in-Residence Program 2022, Caylus, France  
Semi-finalist, *'Doug Moran National Portrait Prize'*, Sydney  
Finalist *'Hazelhurst Art On Paper Award'*, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney

**2018** Winner - NG Art Creative Residency Prize, Eygalières Provence, France  
Winner *'The Vincent Art Prize'* (Inaugural) Duckrabbit Gallery, Redfern  
Finalist - Open section - *'Fisher's Ghost Art Award'*, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney  
Finalist - *'BAM Art Prize'*, Thom Gallery, Byron Bay

**2017** Winner Fisher's Ghost James Gleeson Surrealism Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney  
Finalist *'Portia Geach Memorial Award'* National Trust SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
Finalist *'Open Award'* & *'Contemporary Award'* Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney

**2015** Winner Hazelhurst Works on Paper Friends of Hazelhurst Prize, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney  
Finalist *'Open Award'* & *'Contemporary Award'* Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney

**2014** Finalist *'Open Award'* and *'Contemporary'* Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney

**2013** Winner Fisher's Ghost James Gleeson Surrealism Award (inaugural), Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney

Winner Kedumba Drawing Award Finalist, Wild Valley Art Park, Wentworth Falls, Sydney  
Finalist, 'Works on Paper' and 'Contemporary Award', Campbelltown Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney  
Finalist, Cliftons Emerging Art Prize, Sydney  
2012 Finalist, Dobell Drawing Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney  
Finalist Fisher's Ghost Art Award, 'Open Award' & 'Contemporary Award', Campbelltown Regional Gallery, Sydney  
Short-listed, Mount Eyre Art Prize, David Rex Livingston Gallery, Sydney  
1996 Winner Contemporary John Knapp Encouragement Award (Judged by art critic John McDonald), Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney

### **Artist Residencies**

2025 Recipient (awarded) Artist-in-Residence MUZA Malta National Museum of Art (Malta's National Community Art Museum) Valletta, Malta (upcoming)  
2022 Recipient (awarded) DRAWinternational Artist-in-Residence Program, Caylus, France  
2020 Recipient (awarded) Georges River Council Artist-in-Residence Program, Sydney  
2018 NG Art Creative Residency Prize (winner), Eygèleres Provence, France  
2018 Recipient (awarded) Artist-in-Residence Bundanon Trust  
2016 PLC Croydon (invitational) Artist-in-Residence, Sydney

### **Collections**

MUZA National Museum of the Art Malta (proposed)  
The Kedumba Collection of Australian Drawing, Orange Regional Gallery  
Campbelltown Arts Centre  
Hurstville Museum and Gallery  
PLC Sydney, Adelaide Perry Gallery  
Michael and Marilyn Reardon-Small Collection  
International Drawing Institute Archive, COFA UNSW  
Josef Lebovic Gallery Collection  
Domain Milan France  
Southern Sydney Institute of TAFE  
And private collections in Sydney, France, Singapore, Malta, Indonesia and Hong Kong

### **Selected Publications**

Diana Palmer 'KALOSKAGATHOS' (Essay accompanying exhibition), 10 Feb 2024  
Lea Hogg, 'Maghkom', Net on Demand live streaming Malta TV (feature interview), 16 Nov 2023  
Mariella Pisani Bencini, 'Meander Arti u Kultura' Arts and Culture series (feature interview), Net on Demand live streaming Malta TV, 27 Nov 2023  
[Carrie Kibbler and essays by Courtney Kidd, Chloe Wolifson & Kathleen Lin, 'In the Arms of Unconsciousness - Women, Feminism and the Surreal', August 22 2023 \(Digital Catalogue accompanying exhibition\)](#)  
[Judith Blackall, Review, Artist Profile, August 31 2023, \(online article\)](#)  
[John McDonald, Review, 'The Sydney Morning Herald - Spectrum', July 29 2023](#)  
[John McDonald, Image & Review, 'The Sydney Morning Herald - Spectrum', August 1 2023 \(website\)](#)  
Mariella Pisani Bencini, 'Meander Arti u Kultura' Arts and Culture series, Net on Demand live streaming Malta TV, May 5 2023  
Katya Gineve Scicluna, 'Malta and Beyond Series - Maltin Bhalna - Malta U Lil Hinn Minnha', TVM Malta, Oct 23 2022  
[Dr Gareth Jenkins and Essay by Caitlin Casey 'Reciprocity' \(Book Publication accompanying Exhibition by Apothecary Archive\), June 13 2021](#)  
[Maria Stoljar 'Talking With Painters -Filippa Buttitta with Louisa Chircop' - Episode 109 Australian Podcast series May 2021](#)  
[Maria Stoljar 'Talking With Painters' Episode 95 Australian Podcast series August 2020](#)  
[Hazelhurst Arts Centre Friends of Hazelhurst News 'Artist Spotlight' April 2020](#)  
[Jenny Cheeseman 'Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre online catalogue Everyday Madonna' May 2019](#)  
[Susannah Smith 'Runway-Australian Experimental Art' Issue #32, November 2016](#)  
[Rose Niland 'The Culture Concept Circle, June 23 2015](#)  
[Lucy Stranger Issue #31 "Artist Profile Magazine Feature", June 16 2015](#)  
[Andrew Frost, Critics' pick, SMH, Feb 12 2015](#)  
[Sharne Wolff 'The Art Life', Feb 6 2015](#)

[The Art Life –New Work Friday feature, Jan 2015](#)

[Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre/ Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award](#)

[Artist Profile, June 2, 2015](#)

[Chloe Wolifson, Preview, 2014](#)

[Andrew Frost, Critics' pick, SMH, Feb 17, 2012](#)