

Curriculum Vitae

BEN SMITH

Born 1977

Lives and works in the Northern Rivers region, (Bundjalung Country),NSW

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Lumina, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
- 2022 Ascendancy, Love and Strife, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
- 2017 Threshold, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
- 2013 Flux, Scott Livesey Gallery, Melbourne
- 2011 Personal Mythologies, Dickerson Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Anthropomorphic Works, Dickerson Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 Bird Paintings, Dickerson Gallery, Sydney

INTERNATIONAL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Stranger than Kindness, curated by Nick Cave, Royal Danish Library, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 The Moleskine Project, Spoke Art, San Francisco, USA
- 2014 A Touch of Realism, Galleri Kirk, Alborg, Denmark
- 2012 Taboo, Last Rites Gallery, New York, USA
- 2011 Together in Harmony, Noori and Arum Gallery in Korea Foundation Centre, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011 Dark Waters, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, California, USA

SELECTED PRIZES AND GROUP SHOWS

- 2020 Past Winners and Selected Artists KAAF, Korea-Australia Arts Foundation, Seoul, Korea
- 2018 Finalist - Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2016 Finalist - Kilgour Art Prize, Newcastle Art Gallery, NSW
- 2016 Salon de Refuses, S.H. Irvin Gallery, Sydney
- 2016 Finalist - Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Gallery, NSW
- 2016 Finalist - Fisher's Ghost Art Prize, Campbelltown Regional Gallery, NSW
- 2016 Finalist - Warringah Art Prize, NSW
- 2015 Highly Commended - KAAF Art Prize, Korea-Australia Arts Foundation, Seoul, Korea
- 2015 Finalist - Kilgour Art Prize, Newcastle Art Gallery, NSW
- 2015 Winner - Waverley Art Prize (Open Prize), NSW
- 2015 Winner - Waverley Art Prize (Oil Painting Section), NSW
- 2015 Semi- Finalist - Doug Moran Prize, NSW
- 2015 Finalist - Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Gallery, NSW
- 2014 Salon de Refuses, S.H. Irvin Gallery, Sydney
- 2014 Semi-finalist - Doug Moran Prize, NSW
- 2013 Selected for the Salon de Refuses, S.H. Irvin Gallery, Sydney
- 2013 Finalist Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Gallery, NSW
- 2013 Finalist Waverley Art Prize, NSW
- 2013 Finalist - Calleen Art Prize, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2012 Finalist - Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Gallery, NSW
- 2012 Finalist - Metro Art Prize, Metro Gallery, VIC
- 2012 Finalist - Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Gallery, QLD
- 2012 Salon de Refuses, S.H. Irvin Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Finalist - Waverley Art Prize, NSW

2015 Work Rest and Play, Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor
Fishers Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown
Berrima Art Space, Berrima

2014 Sir John Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney

2013 Sir John Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney

2012 Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney

2011 Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Composite, Flinders St Gallery, Sydney

2009 Newtown Diaries, Delmar Gallery, Sydney
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney

2008 Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney

2007 EMSLA, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, Coffs Harbour
The Blake Prize, The Gallery, National art School, Sydney
Small Pleasures, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney

2006 Summery, Australian Galleries, Sydney
The Blake Prize, The Gallery, National Art School, Sydney
50th Anniversary Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
The Shirley Hannan National Portrait Prize, Bega Valley Regional Gallery, Bega
Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, State Library of NSW, Sydney
Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney

2005 End of Year Group Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Sydney
Australian Contemporary Art, De Recourt /Australian Galleries, The Gallery in Cork
St, London
Sir John Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Small Important Works, Australian Galleries, Sydney

2004 Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney

2003 Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
New Work, Australian Galleries, Sydney

2002 Recent Works by Australian Galleries Artists, Australian Galleries, Sydney
Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney

2001 Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney
The Kings School Art Prize, Kings School, Sydney
The Redlands Westpac Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney
Australian Painting and Sculpture, Australian Galleries, Sydney

2000 Lost in Space, the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
The Kings School Art Prize, The Kings School, Sydney
Melbourne Art Fair 2000, Australian Galleries, Melbourne

1999 The Kings School Art Prize, The Kings School, Sydney

1998 3 Visions, New England Art Museum, Armidale NSW
Alumni Show, Cell Block, National Art School, Sydney
Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin gallery, Sydney
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Civic Centre, Sydney
Doug Moran National Portrait Prize, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

1997 Salon des Refuse, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney

1996 Salon des Refuse, S.H.Gallery, Sydney
Alumination, Cell Block, National Art School, Sydney
Emerging Artist, Queen St Gallery, Sydney
Waverly Art Prize, Bondi Public School, Sydney
Inglis Art Award, Newmarket, Sydney

1995 The Graduate Show, Cell Block, National Art School, Sydney
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Civic Centre, Sydney

1994 Graduates exhibition, Cell Block, National Art School, Sydney
Diesis, Cell Block, National Art School, Sydney
Painting Exhibition, Cell Block, National Art School, Sydney

2012 Finalist - Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Regional Gallery, NSW
 2012 Semi Finalist - Doug Moran Portrait Prize, NSW
 2012 Finalist - Shirley Hannan Portrait Prize, Bega, NSW
 2011 Finalist - Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Gallery, NSW
 2011 Finalist - Metro Art Award, Metro gallery, VIC
 2011 Yanni Floros and Ben Smith, Scott Livesey Galleries, VIC
 2011 Finalist - Sulman Prize, S.H. Irvin Gallery, NSW
 2011 Salon de Refuses, S.H. Irvin Gallery, Sydney
 2011 Finalist - City of Albany Art Prize, Perth, W.A
 2011 Finalist - Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Gallery, QLD
 2010 Finalist - Sulman Prize, Art gallery of New South Wales, NSW
 2010 Winner - Waverley Art Prize, NSW
 2010 Finalist - Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Gallery, NSW
 2010 Winner - Mosman Emerging Artist Award, NSW
 2010 Finalist - Doug Moran Portrait Prize, NSW
 2010 Winner - Odd Nerdrum Self Portrait Prize, Nerdrum Museum, Slavery, Norway
 2010 Finalist - Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Regional Gallery, NSW
 2010 Finalist - Redland Art Award, Redland Art Gallery, QLD
 2010 Finalist - Kilgour Art Prize, Newcastle Art Gallery, NSW
 2010 Finalist - Stanthorpe Art Prize, Stanthorpe Regional Gallery, QLD
 2010 Finalist - Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Gallery, QLD
 2009 Finalist - Doug Moran Portrait Prize, NSW
 2009 Finalist - Prometheus Art Prize, Prometheus Foundation Gallery, QLD
 2009 Finalist - Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Gallery, QLD
 2009 Finalist - Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Regional Gallery, NSW
 2005 Finalist - Hills Grammar Art Prize, Kenthurst, NSW
 2003 Finalist - Alice Bale Traveling Scholarship, Glen Eira, VIC
 2002 Winner - Richard and Wenda Ashton Prize, NSW
 2001 Winner - Brett Whiteley Scholarship at the Julian Ashton Art School, NSW

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2020 Nick Cave "Stranger than Kindness" (Book Cover) Canongate, UK
 2017 Richard Purssey "Ben Smith" Beautiful Bizarre Magazine, Australia
 2013 Menendez D; 'Ben Smith' Poets and Artists Magazine, Charleston, USA
 2012 Schmidt S; 'Judaism in Pop Culture' Spex Magazine, Berlin, Germany
 2012 Meacham S; 'A Big day for...Cave Men'; Sydney Morning Herald
 2012 Meacham S; 'Discarded Cave Men'; Sydney Morning Herald
 2011 Elliot T; 'Why Artists want to be pictured so much'; Sydney Morning Herald
 2009 Anderson, P; 'Australian Art Review'; Westwick-Farrow

COLLECTIONS

Waverley Council, NSW Australia
 Collection of Nick Cave, U.K

ARTISTIC TRAINING

2000 – 2004 The Julian Ashton Art School, Sydney, NSW

TEACHING

2002- 2013 The Julian Ashton Art School, Sydney, NSW