

Curriculum Vitae

JAMES DRINKWATER

Born 1983, lives and works in Newcastle, Australia

Education

Fine Arts, National Art School in Darlinghurst, Sydney, Australia 2003

Ron Hartree Art School, Newcastle, Australia 1992-2002

Selected Solo exhibitions

- 2024 - Child at the Met and other Journals, Nicholas Thompson Gallery at Melbourne Art Fair
- 2024 - Somewhere Between the Tree and the Table, Vigo Gallery, London
- 2023 – AMERICAN SALT – Montauk to the Bowery, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
- 2023 – At Mid Career, Survey Exhibition, The Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra
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- 2023 - Dobell's storm, an exhibition of Sets, Costumes and media from the ballet, MAC Museum, Lake Macquarie
- 2023 - Passage, Survey Exhibition, NCCA Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, Darwin
- 2023 - You could just make a painting and write it all in there, Edwina Corlette, Brisbane
- 2022 - Sand drawings and other tropes, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022 - Tesoro Mio, Nanda/Hobbs, Sydney
- 2022 - The Boxer, round 2 / Old photos make me cry, Newcastle University Gallery, Newcastle
- 2021 - I love you so much I can't stop saying goodbye, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne
- 2021 - The Boxer/When I was younger I said my prayers, Nanda/Hobbs, Sydney
- 2020 - I love you more than paintings, Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne
- 2020 - A day by the sea, Informality - Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, UK
- 2019 - I love you to pieces then back together again, Nanda/Hobbs, Sydney Contemporary
- 2019 - The Sea Calls Me by Name, 10 year survey, Newcastle Art Gallery
- 2018 - Looking for Urchins and Louis Ferrari, Nanda/Hobbs, Sydney
- 2017 - In the Halls of my Youth, The LockUp, Newcastle
- 2017 - Rungli Rungliot, Australian High Commission, Singapore
- 2016 - An entire life, from the interior, NKN Gallery, Melbourne
- 2016 - We are clumsy now on this Southern Beach, New works from the South of France, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
- 2015 - Every Pigeon in Paris became a Dove, New work from Paris, Peta O'Brien Contemporary Art, London
- 2015 - In the Arms of Moreton Figs, Gallery 9, Sydney
- 2014- The boy cried STORM!!! NKN Gallery, Melbourne
- 2014 - The boy and the ballet, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 - The Ocean Parade, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 - Home Stretch, Cooks Hill Galleries, Newcastle
- 2011 - Nostalgia for Nothing, Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 - Brooding Town, Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 - Postage Paid Australia, Berlin, Cooks Hill Galleries, Newcastle

2009 - Poor Boy, Fortyfive Downstairs, Melbourne
2004 - New Paintings, Maunsell Wickes, Sydney
2004 - Vintage, Damien Minton Gallery, Newcastle

Selected group exhibitions

2022 - Singing in unison - Curated by Phong H. Bui and Cal McKeever. Brooklyn, New York.
2019 - Post cards from twin peaks, Paul Ryan and James Drinkwater
2018 - Black Diamond Money, Byron School of Arts
2018 - Couplings, Dominik Mersch Gallery, Sydney
2018 - Sweetness of The New, The Yellow House Gallery, curated by Stepping into Tomorrow
2017 - Works on paper, Beers Gallery London
2017 - Sydney Art Fair, Nanda Hobbs Gallery
2017 - Spring Art fair 1883, NKN Gallery
2017 - Into Abstraction II, Macquarie University Gallery
2014 - Paperweight, Newcastle Art Gallery
2013 - Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Damien Minton Gallery
2013 - Working Newcastle, University of Newcastle
2013 - Marked, Cessnock Regional Art Gallery
2012 - Young Collectors, John Buckley Gallery Melbourne
2012 - Traces, Leipzig Art Fair, Germany
2012 - The Great Australian Landscape, Tim Olsen Gallery
2010 - A Perfect Day to Chase Tornados (White), Berlin

Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Bendigo Art Gallery, Newcastle Art Gallery, MRAG, Artbank, HOTA Gold Coast, Macquarie Bank, Macquarie University, Monash University, Schnable Collection New York, Allens Law Firm, University of Newcastle, Warner Music Australia

Commissions / Collaborative works

2022 - Storm approaching Wangi - and other desires. A new ballet. Lake Mac Arts Pavilion MAP MIMA
2016 - 2017 Walking With Giants - Monash University sculpture, Clayton campus, Melbourne
2017- Alpha60 x James Drinkwater, Capsule Collection

Residencies

2023 - DESA, Ubud, Indonesia
2018 - Newington Boys College, Artist in residence
2017 - Tahiti (self directed)
2015 - Brett Whiteley travelling scholarship, Cité International des Arts Paris
2014 - HMRI Artist in resident
2013 - Lake Macquarie City Gallery, in conjunction with Christo: John Kaldor Family collection artist rooms
2012 - Titjikala Art Centre NT (National art School)
2012 - Freestone print studio, Gippsland, Victoria
2012 - Familia Moja Children's Home, Mangu, Kenya
2011 - Leipzig International Art Programme (LIA), Leipzig, Germany

Awards

2018 - Kilgour Art Prize [finalist]
2018 - John Glover Art Prize [finalist]
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2014 - King School prize [finalist]
2014 - Newcastle University Prize [finalist]
2013 - Doug Moran portrait prize [semi-finalist]
2013 - Brett Whiteley traveling scholarship [finalist, highly commended]
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2011 - Dobell drawing Prize [finalist]
2011 - Brett Whiteley traveling scholarship [finalist, highly commended]
2011 - Marten Bequest traveling scholarship [winner]
2011 - Salon Des Refuses [finalist]
2002 - John Olsen National Art School Life Drawing Prize [winner]