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Education

Current Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours), Queensland College of Art and Design, Griffith University, Brisbane
2022 Bachelor of Fine Art, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane
2014 Diploma of Visual Arts, Southbank Institute of Technology, Brisbane

Professional Experience

Current Gallery Assistant, Land Street Gallery, Brisbane
2024 Sessional Academic, *Queensland Creative Futures Program*, Queensland College of Art and Design, Griffith University, Brisbane
Designed and facilitated a two-day portrait painting workshop for secondary school students in Gin Gin, fostering skill development, creative practice, and industry connections through hands-on learning and professional development opportunities.
2023 Sessional Academic, *Humans of the Outback*, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane
Facilitated a portrait project for QCA painting and photography students, fostering community engagement in Winton through meaningful discussions and creative practice. In consultation with Guwa-Koa Aboriginal Elders and local council, students produced works preserving local stories. Works are now part of the Waltzing Matilda Centre collection and are featured on the Spirit of the Outback train.

Solo Exhibitions

Upcoming *DENIED: Portraits of Wrongful Conviction*, Social Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart
2023 *DENIED: Portraits of Wrongful Conviction*, Fremantle Prison Galleries, Perth
2023 *DENIED: Portraits of Wrongful Conviction*, Grey Street Gallery, Brisbane
2022 *DENIED: Portraits of Wrongful Conviction*, Land Street Gallery, Brisbane

Group Exhibitions

2024 Honours Exhibition, Grey Street Gallery, Brisbane
2022 *Within These Walls*, Brisbane Street Art Festival, Superordinary, Brisbane
2021 *Still Take*, Duo Exhibition, Webb Gallery, Brisbane
2021 *Brisbane Indie Winter Project*, The Zoo, Brisbane
2021 *Royal Queensland Art Society Annual Exhibition*, Petrie Terrace Gallery, Brisbane
2021 *Wildflower*, Artstead, Newstead Brewing Co, Doggett St, Brisbane
2021 *Brisbane Institute of Art Annual Exhibition*, Metcalfe Gallery, Brisbane
2021 *2020 Graduate Exhibitions*, Queensland College of Art, Brisbane

Awards & Prizes

2024 Griffith Award for Academic Excellence
2021 - 2022 AEL Summer Scholarship through the Creative Arts Research Institute – attachment to the Griffith University Art Museum project *CREATION* by Deborah Kelly, Brisbane, 14 December - 22 February
2021 Winner, the inaugural Behlau Murakami Grant Contemporary Issues Portraiture ArtPrize, Brisbane
2021 Finalist, 5th Biennial Royal South Australian Society of Arts Portrait Prize, Adelaide

Artist Residencies

2023 - 2024 The Office, Fish Lane Arts Precinct supported by Aria Property Group, Brisbane, 1 August - 31 January

Grants

2013 Redlands Young and Emerging Artists Community Grant, Regional Arts Development Fund

Commissions & Public Art

- 2022 *Wrongfully Convicted: Derek Bromley*, mural / live painting, Brisbane Street Art Festival, Queen Street Mall, Brisbane
- 2021 *Jimi Hendrix*, live painting, Brisbane Street Art Festival, Felons Barrel Hall, Brisbane
- 2019 *Rollo*, mural, Mappin's Nursery & Aquarium, Brisbane
- 2018 *90's Triptych*, live painting, Beer Incider Experience, Brisbane Showgrounds
- 2017 *Bob Marley*, mural / live painting, Queensland Theatre, Mappin's Nursery & Aquarium, Brisbane
- 2017 *Amy Winehouse*, mural, Mappin's Nursery & Aquarium, Brisbane
- 2017 *Iggy Pop*, mural, Mappin's Nursery & Aquarium, Brisbane
- 2017 *Jim Morrison*, mural, Mappin's Nursery & Aquarium, Brisbane
- 2017 *Keith Richards*, mural, Mappin's Nursery & Aquarium, Brisbane
- 2016 *Prince*, mural / live painting, Mappin's Nursery & Aquarium, Brisbane

Artist Talks & Panels

- 2023 Panellist, Wrongful Convictions Panel Discussion, Fremantle Prison, Perth
- 2023 Artist Talk, Fremantle Prison Galleries, Perth

Bibliography

- Andrew L. Urban, *Justice denied – and painted*, Wrongful Convictions Report, February 29 2024
- Tim Clarke, *Portraits of Pain*, The West Australian, May 6 2023 p. 7
- Lauren Croft, *'It is imperative to represent the innocent'*, Lawyers Weekly, May 18 2022
- Interview, *Weekend Evenings with Christine Anu*, ABC Radio National, April 9 2022

Collections

- Fremantle Prison Galleries, Perth