

Louisa Chircop

b. 1974 / Australia

Lives and works in Australia

Education

- 2015 *TAFE Statement in Advanced Hand building with clay (Ceramics)*, Sydney TAFE, Sydney.
- 2000 *Master of Fine Arts (Research)*, University of New South Wales Art & Design (formerly College of Fine Arts, COFA UNSW), Sydney.
- 1997 *Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours Class 1)*, University of New South Wales Art & Design, Sydney.
- 1993 *Associate Diploma in Fine Arts*, TAFE NSW (St George College), Sydney.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Grotto Girl*, MUŻA National Museum of Art, Valletta, Malta.
- 2023 *Shadow Sanctuary*, Marie Gallery5 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*, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney.
- 2015 *Interior Monologue - A Carousel*, Moran Gallery, Sydney.
Penny for my Thoughts, A-M Gallery, Sydney.
- 2013 *A Scattering of Pages (Art Month Sydney artist)*, A-M Gallery, Sydney.
- 2012 *Breathing Life Into Pieces*, Sheffer Gallery, Sydney.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 *Sidney Nolan Art Prize*, The Sidney Nolan Trust The Rodd in Herefordshire, United Kingdom.

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DESTINATION DRAWING / From the archives of the International Drawing Research Institute, Draw Space, Sydney.

2025

Summer Salon, Brenda Colahan Fine Art, Sydney.

Size is not Important - miniature sculpture exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Sydney.

To Approach the Unknowable - four Australian contemporary surrealist artists' responses to the Hassall Collection curated by Mary Faith, Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, Sydney.

Exhibiting on the Occasion of Malta's Republic Day, The High Commissioner of Malta's Residence, Australia, Canberra, ACT.

Eckersley's National Finalists 60th Anniversary exhibition, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

2024

Revealed: Hidden treasures from the art collection - Hurstville Museum and Gallery, Sydney.

Passion for Painting, Marlene Antico's personal selection of National PAP finalists (Online).

Life in Working Art IV, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

Hazelhurst Painter Teacher, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

Women at Altitude - Celebrating Women artists in the Kedumba Collection, The Kedumba Gallery, Blue Mountains Grammar School, Wentworth Falls, Sydney.

Kaloskagathos, presented by Palmer Art Projects, Post Space, Exeter.

Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney.

Exhibiting on the Occasion of Malta's Independence Day and 60 years of Diplomatic Relations between Malta and Australia, The High Commission of Malta Australia, Canberra, ACT.

2023

In the Arms of Unconsciousness - Women, Feminism and the Surreal, A landmark cross-generational exhibition bringing together 22 significant female Australian Artists that examines feminism and the Surreal curated by Carrie Kibbler, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, 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 and Gallery, Sydney.

20th Anniversary National Acquisitive Paddington Art Prize, Cooee Art Leven Gallery, Sydney.

National Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

2022

Exposition Ateliers, DRAW international Artist Residency Exhibition, Caylus, France.

ACB - Selects, Amber Creswell Bell's Selection from the National Emerging Artist Prize, Michael Reid Northern Beaches Gallery (Online).

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In the Flesh, Invitational Artoure Contemporary Group Exhibition, Comber St Gallery, Sydney.

Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney.

M16 Artspace Drawing Prize, M16 Artspace, Griffith ACT.

2021

Life in Working Art II - Hazelhurst Teachers and Preparators, Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

Reciprocity: A collaboration between painters and ceramicists, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

Movers and Shapers II - Women | Land | Sculpture, Broadhurst Gallery Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney.

Splash - McClelland Contemporary Watercolour Award, McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery, Victoria.

Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney.

Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

Milburn Art Prize - Brisbane Institute of Art, Brisbane.

National Paddington Art Prize, Defiance Gallery, Sydney.

2020

Hazelhurst 2020, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.

Exposition Noël_002, Galerie Heimat, St Remy Provence, France.

John Copes Portrait Prize, Bowral Art Gallery, Bowral.

National Paddington Art Prize, Defiance Gallery, Sydney.

2019

Exposition Noël_001, Galerie Heimat, St Remy de 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 and Melbourne Fringe Festival, Melbourne.

Campbelltown Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Regional Gallery, Sydney.

2017

Land - curated by Katherine Roberts, Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney.

Artist Profile: Australasian Painters 2007-2017 curated by Kon Gouriotis and Lucy Stranger, Orange. Regional Gallery, Orange.

Three Painters, McGlade Gallery, Australian Catholic University, 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, Cambelltown Arts Centre, Sydney.

Art Fair Philippines - Gajah Gallery, Philippines.

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Art Stage Singapore – Gajah Gallery, Singapore.

Awards

- 2026 *Finalist – Sidney Nolan Art Prize, The Sidney Nolan Trust The Rodd in Herefordshire, United Kingdom (upcoming).*
Finalist – Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney, (upcoming).
- 2025 *Finalist – Eckersley’s Art and Craft 60th Anniversary Prize (National), Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.*
- 2024 *Winner – National Acquisitive Paddington Art Prize, Art Leven Gallery, Sydney.*
Finalist – Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC, Sydney
- 2023 *Finalist – 20th Anniversary National Acquisitive Paddington Art Prize, Cooee Art Leven Gallery, Sydney*
Finalist – Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.
- 2022 *Finalist – M16 Artspace Drawing Prize, M16 Artspace, Griffith ACT.*
Finalist – Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing – Adelaide Perry Gallery PLC Sydney, Sydney.
- 2021 *Winner – National 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 – National Paddington Art Prize, Defiance Gallery, Sydney.
- 2019 *Finalist – Hazelhurst Art On Paper Award, Hazelhurst Arts Centre and Gallery, Sydney.*
- 2018 *Winner – NG Art Creative Residency Prize, Eygalières Provence, France.*
Winner – The Vincent Art Prize (Inaugural) Duckrabbitt Gallery, Sydney.
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.

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Finalist - Open Award & Contemporary Award Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney.

2016 *Finalist - Open Award Fisher's Ghost, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney.*

Collections

MUŻA National Museum of Art, Malta.

The Kedumba Collection of Australian Drawing, Kedumba Gallery, Wentworth Falls.

Cambelltown Arts Centre, Sydney.

Grace Cossington Smith Gallery Abbotsleigh, Sydney.

Hurstville Museum and Gallery, Sydney.

PLC Sydney, Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney.

Michael and Marilyn Reardon-Small Collection, Sydney.

International Drawing Institute Archive, COFA UNSW, Sydney.

Josef Lebovic Gallery Collection, Sydney.

Domain Milan, St Rémy de Provence, France.

TAFE NSW Sydney Institute, Sydney.

Kogarah Marist Brothers, Sydney.

Private collections in Sydney, France, Singapore, Malta, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

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