

DEBORAH HALPERN

EDUCATION

1989 Postgraduate Diploma of Fine Arts, Monash University, Melbourne

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016 'Playing with Light,' Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
2015 'Strange Creatures From A Phenomenal Planet,' Anthea Polson Art, Queensland
'Through the Forest,' Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
'Duck Duck Goose,' Arthouse Gallery, Sydney
2014 'Ghost Worms and Glass Hearts,' Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
2013 'Creatures from the Studio', Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
2012 'The Melbourne Art Fair,' Exhibited by Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
2011 'New Works,' Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
'New Works,' Arthouse Gallery, Sydney
2010 'Sydney Beginnings,' Arthouse Gallery, Sydney
2009 Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
2008 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
2007 'Weird little things...,' Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
2006 'Deborah Halpern: Angel,' Survey Exhibition, Ian Potter Centre: NGV
2004+05 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
2001 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1999+01 Buschlen Mowatt Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver Canada
1999 'Art's Toys,' Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1998 Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
1997 Despard Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania
1996 'Small Works,' Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1995 'Sculptures & Works on Paper,' Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1991+92 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1989 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne Irving Sculpture Gallery, Sydney
1987 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1985 Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1983 Rosies Gallery, Albert Park, Victoria
1981 Blackwood Street Gallery, Meat Market Craft Centre with assistance from Craft Board of Aust Council, Melbourne

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2013 'Fine Australian Sculpture,' Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne
2012 'Jl'ng'an Int'l Sculpture Project,' Shanghai, China
2008 'The Dream Festival,' Melbourne

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- 2006 'The Gathering,' Wangaratta Exhibitions Gallery, Wangaratta
- 2005 'Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award', Werribee VIC
- 2004 'VIVID,' Art Auction for The Greens, Fortyfivedownstairs Gallery, Melbourne
- 2002 'Melbourne Art Fair,' Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1998 'Heartworks,' Sydney Central Mission Auction, Centrepont Tower, Sydney
'Copelen Chairs,' Copelen Family Services, Melbourne
- 1997 'Then & Now,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
'Pathways,' Manningham Artspace, Doncaster
'Bowled Over,' Savode Gallery, Brisbane
'Copelen Chairs,' Copelen Family Services Auction, Sothebys, Melbourne
- 1996+97 'The National Sculpture Trail,' Victoria University, Footscray, VIC
- 1996 'A Sculpture Walk in the Royal Botanic Gardens,' 150th Anniversary, Melbourne
'Sculpture 3,' Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre, Heidelberg, Victoria
'Univ. of Western Sydney Macarthur National Printmedia Acquisitive,' Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Casula
'The Bowled and the Beautiful,' Hewitt's Art Bookshop, Fremantle, WA
'12th Biennial Spring Festival of Drawing,' Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery
- 1995 '12th Biennial Spring Festival of Drawing,' Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington
'Works on Paper – A Selection,' Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
'Useless Objects & Real Things,' Second National Crafts Conference, Melbourne
'Selected Recent Purchases for the QUT Art Collection,' QLD Uni. of Technology, Brisbane
- 1994 'Colin and Cecily Rigg Craft Award,' National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
'Then & Now,' Victorian Ceramics Group, Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
- 1992+94 'Decorated Clay,' Queensland Art Gallery (touring)
'Dame Edna Regrets She Is Unable to Attend,' Heide Park & Art Gallery, AETA, Aust Council (touring)
- 1992 '10 Square Works for Wilderness,' The Wilderness Society, Linden Gallery,
'Melbourne Southgate Art Exhibition,' Westpac Gallery 3, Victorian Arts Centre
'Third Australian Contemporary Art Fair,' Melbourne
- 1991 'The Total Look – Locating Furniture,' Plimsoll Gallery, Centre for the Arts, Hobart

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- 1990+91 'Halpern and Murphy Ceramics Exhibition,' Shepparton Art Gallery (touring)
- 1990 'Affiliations,' Monash University Gallery, VIC
'Tea for Two,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
'Second Australian Contemporary Art Fair,' Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne
'Alice 125,' Carrol Foundation, Melbourne
- 1989 'Decade,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
- 1988 '50 Fine Artists,' Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, Showgrounds
'Melbourne Common Ground,' Fifth National Ceramic Conference, Irving
'Sculpture Gallery,' Sydney Jewish Festival of the Arts, Christine Abrahams Gallery
'Australian Crafts 1988,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
'The New Generation 1983 – 1988,' Australian National Gallery, Canberra
'The Fringe Furniture Show,' Spoleto Fringe Festival, Melbourne
- 1987 'Australian Crafts 1987,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
- 1986 'A First Look,' Philip Morris Arts Grant Purchases 1983-6 ANG, Canberra
- 1985 'Just for Show,' Shepparton Art Gallery, Victoria (touring)
'Teapot 3,' Old Bakery Gallery, Sydney
'Australian Crafts 1985,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
- 1984 'Australian Crafts 1984,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
'Sheer Madness,' 3 Person Exhibition, Gryphon Gallery
'Sculptors as Craftsmen,' Meat Market Craft Centre. Melbourne
'Current Visions in Intimate Sculpture,' Profile Gallery, Melbourne
'Fifth Annual Craft Award Exhibition,' Arts & Crafts Society of Victoria
'The First Great Annual Ceramic Show,' Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat
'Christmas Collections,' Craft Council's Centre Gallery, Sydney
'The Post Atomic Card Show,' Universal Workshop; Sculpture '85, Melbourne
'Second Australian Sculpture Triennial,' National Gallery of Victoria, VIC
'Eight Young Australians,' Craftlink, Melbourne
'Festival of Jewish Artists,' Temple Beth Israel, Melbourne
- 1983 'Victorian Ceramic Group,' Annual Member's Exhibition
- 1982 'Australian Crafts 1982,' Meat Market Craft Centre, Melbourne
'Victorian Ceramics Group Exhibition,' Potters Gallery, Sydney
'Indulgences,' Craft Council's Centre Gallery, Sydney
'Mad Hatters' Tea Party,' The Australian Craftworks, Sydney
'Teapot 1,' The Old Bakery Gallery, Sydney
'The Christmas Show,' Craft Council's Centre Gallery, Sydney
- 1981 'Victorian Ceramic Group,' Annual Member's Exhibition, Melbourne
- 1980 'Whittles with the Lot,' Last Laugh Theatre Restaurant, Melbourne

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- 1979 'Flaming Stars,' Performance, Melbourne
'Missing Persons,' Performance, Flying Trapeze Cabaret Cafe, Melbourne
- 1978 'Two Person' exhibition with Sylvia Halpern, Potters' Cottage, Warrandyte
'Santettes, Boxettes,' Performance, Melbourne
'Fishers Ghost Prize,' Campbelltown Regional Gallery, NSW

COLLECTIONS

Aichi Arts Centre, Aichi Prefecture, Japan
Art Gallery of Western Australia
Artbank
Australian National University, Canberra
Ballarat Fine Art Gallery
Box Hill College of T.A.F.E. Collection
City of Frankston
City of Manningham
City of Melbourne
City of Yarra
Council of Adult Education Collection
Diners Club International
Geelong Art Gallery
Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne
Melbourne University Collection
Metricon Homes
National Australia Bank
National Gallery of Victoria
Osaka Sculpture Park, Japan
Queensland Art Gallery
Queensland University of Technology
Shepparton Art Mallery
Shire of Nillumbik
Southgate Collection, Melbourne
University of New South Wales
University of Southern Queensland
Victorian Ceramic Group Collection
Victorian State Craft Collection
Visy Packaging
Numerous Private and Corporate Commissions in Australia & Internationally
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COMMISSIONS

- 2013 'Mermaid with legs', 'Fish', Private commission, NSW 2012 'Water Creature', 'Big Cat', MC2, City of Manningham, Doncaster, Victoria
'Wayfarer', Council Offices, Shire of Nillumbik, Greensborough, Victoria
'Mali,' City of Melbourne, Birrarung Marr
- 2010 'The Parrot Factory', set and costume design, Victoria Opera
- 2008 'Dream Festival', inflatable sculpture event, Birrarung Marr, Melbourne, Victoria
'Portant to another Time and Place', Lempriere Award, Werribee Mansion, Victoria 2007
'Beatiful Angel', Urquart Park Primary School, Ballarat, Victoria
- 2006 'Alice', Fintona Girl's School, Balwyn, Victoria 2002 'Spirit of the Community', Beauty Park, City of Frankston Numerous Private Commissions
- 2001 'The Spirit of Enquiry', Australian National University, Canberra 'The Spirit of Nilumbik', Eltham Town Square, Shire of Nilumbik 1997
'Face Maze', Bourke Street Mall, Melbourne
- 1995 'Family', Highpoint Project, ceramic tiled sculpture/fountains
- 1992 'Ophelia', Southgate Project, Melbourne
Designs for Australian Ballet international tour, promotional material
- 1991 'Mermaid', mural fountain, private commission, Melbourne
Designs for merchandise, The Gallery Shop, NGV
- 1990 'Double Figure', Melbourne City Council for the International Garden and Greenery Exposition, Osaka
- 1989 Margaret Murphy Memorial Mural, Shepparton, Victoria
- 1987+89 'Angel', Bicentennial Sculpture, National Gallery of Victoria
- 1987 Fitzroy Nursery, iron entrance gates, Brunswick St. Fitzroy, Victoria
- 1986 'Farmer', Art Gallery of Swan Hill
Numerous Private and Public Commissions in Australia & Internationally

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2005 The Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award, Highly Commended
- 1996 Atom Award for 'Angel' (see Electronic Media section)
'Ophelia', the sculpture at Southgate – is chosen to become the new face of Melbourne
- 1994 Golden Threads Award, Australian Wool Board, Sydney
- 1993 Sidney Myer, Australia Day Ceramic Award, Shepparton Art Museum
- 1990 Japan Association for International Garden & Greenery Exposition, Osaka Expo, Gold Prize for 'Double Figure'
- 1989 Special Projects Grant, Visual Arts/Craft Board, Australia Council
- 1988 The Myer Foundation, The Art Foundation, NGV; The Readymix Group

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- 1987 Assistant's Grant, Craft Board, Australia Council
- 1985 Crafts Board, Australia Council Grant to work and research in France
- 1984 Arts and Crafts Society of Victoria's Fifth Annual Award, Joint Winner
Artist in Residence, Narre Warren North Primary, Artists in Schools Program
- 1982 Artist in Residence, Croydon Community School, Artists in Schools Program
- 1981 Professional Development Grant, Crafts Board, Australia Council