

# DEBORAH HALPERN

## EDUCATION

1989 Postgraduate Diploma of Fine Arts, Monash University, Melbourne

## AWARDS, GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

2025 McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery Maquette: Sculpture Award, McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery, Langwarrin VIC

2021 Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

2013 Toyota Community Award, Zoos Victoria & City of Melbourne, Winner

2005 The Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award, Highly Commended

1996 '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

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

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 'Creatures of Love', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2025 'Love Shack', Qdos Fine Arts, Lorne, VIC  
'Peace Train', Gullotti Galleries, Perth, WA

2023 'Deborah Halpern', Qdos Fine Arts, Lorne, VIC

2019 'Alice', Central Goldfields Art Gallery, Maryborough, VIC

2018 'Deborah Halpern at the Dunolly Courthouse', Dunolly, VIC

2017 'Hug a Tree, Kiss a Dog', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney

2016 'Playing with Light,' Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne

2015 'Strange Creatures From A Phenomenal Planet,' Anthea Polson Art, QLD  
'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

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2001	Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne
1999–01	Buschlen Mowatt Fine Art Gallery, Vancouver Canada
1999	'Art's Toys,' Christine Abrahams Gallery, Melbourne 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 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

2025	'30 Years of Arthouse Gallery', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2023	'Paper & Clay', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2021	'Summer Salon', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2013	'Fine Australian Sculpture,' Mossgreen Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2012	'Jing'an Int'l Sculpture Project,' Shanghai, China
2008	The Dream Festival,' Melbourne, VIC 'The Gathering,' Wangaratta Exhibitions Gallery, Wangaratta
2005	'Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award', Werribee VIC
2004	'VIVID,' Art Auction for The Greens, Fortyfivedownstairs Gallery,
2002	'Melbourne Art Fair,' Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
1998	'Heartworks,' Sydney Central Mission Auction, Centrepoint 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,

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- 'Melbourne Southgate Art Exhibition,' Westpac Gallery 3, Victorian Centre  
'Third Australian Contemporary Art Fair,' Melbourne
- 1991 'The Total Look – Locating Furniture,' Plimsoll Gallery, Centre for the Arts, Hobart
- 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
- 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

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## 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 Gallery of Australia  
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  
Numerous Private and Corporate Collections in Australia & USA

## COMMISSIONS

2020-2021 'Mother Earth', National Palace Museum, Taipei, Taiwan  
2019 -2021 'Baby Bird', Kilora Open Spaces, City of Casey, Melbourne, VIC  
2019-2021 'The Four Graces', m5 Urban Design, Cultural Capital, Sydney, NSW  
2019 'Dove, Luther College, Croydon, VIC  
2018 'Sense of Place – Big Boy, Dingo, Kangaroo and Flyind Dog', Dunolly, VIC  
2017 'Portal to Another Time and Place', Point Leo Sculpture Park, VIC  
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

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- 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