

DEBORAH HALPERN

EDUCATION

1989 Postgraduate Diploma of Fine Arts, Monash University, Melbourne

AWARDS, GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

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
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

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

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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, 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 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

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	'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

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

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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
Numerous Private and Corporate Collections in Australia & USA

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 Nilumik
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

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	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