

# NAOMI HOBSON

Born 1978, Coen, Australia

## AWARDS, GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

- 2024 Hadley Art Prize, Hadley's Orient Hotel, TAS, Finalist  
National Works on Paper Award, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC, Finalist
- 2023 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf, Sydney, NSW, Finalist  
Musée du quai Branly-Jacques Chirac Photography Award, Paris, France, Honourable Mention  
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Finalist  
Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize, NSW, Finalist
- 2022 Geelong Art Prize, VIC, Winner
- 2021 Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize, NSW, Finalist
- 2020 41st Alice Prize, NT, Finalist
- 2019 Guirguis New Art Prize, Federation University Australia, Finalist  
Sunshine Coast Art Prize, QLD, Finalist  
'Royal Harvest', painting weaved by Australian Tapestry Workshop for 10th Embassy Tapestry
- 2018 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, QLD, Photography Award, Winner
- 2017 Sunshine Coast Art Prize, QLD, Finalist  
Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, QLD, Ceramics Award, Highly Commended (Malkarti Poles)
- 2016 39th Alice Prize, NT, Winner  
33rd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, NT, Finalist  
Geelong Contemporary Art Prize, VIC, Finalist  
Len Fox Painting Award, Castlemaine Art Museum, VIC, Finalist
- 2015 32nd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, NT, Finalist
- 2014 Gold Coast Art Prize, QLD, Finalist  
31st Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, NT, Finalist
- 2013 Gold Coast Art Prize, QLD, Finalist

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 'Life on the River', Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns, QLD  
'Adolescent Wonderland', La Fondation Nationale des Musées, Rabat, Morocco  
'Adolescent Wonderland', Horniman Museum & Gardens, London, UK  
'Habitats of Hope', Vivien Anderson Gallery at Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, VIC
- 2023 'Language of the Land', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
'I Dream of Country', Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2022 'Grounded in Nature', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
'Adolescent Wonderland', Cement Fondu, Sydney, NSW
- 2021 'January First', Suzanne O'Connell, Brisbane, QLD  
'Naomi Hobson in Exhibition', the Ian Potter Centre, NGV, Melbourne, VIC
- 2020 'Payamu – To Shine', Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2019 'Adolescent Wonderland', Cairns Art Gallery, QLD  
'Naomi Hobson, Clay Poles', IWAYI, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, QLD  
'Journey to the East', Suzanne O'Connell, Brisbane, QLD
- 2018 'Times Have Changed', Suzanne O'Connell, Brisbane, QLD  
'New Beginnings', ReDot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
- 2017 'Naomi Hobson', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC  
'Time and Place: Naomi Hobson', Art Mob Aboriginal Fine Art, Hobart, TAS
- 2016 'Kanichi – On Top People', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2015 'Ngaachi Ngunama – Story Place', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2014 'Seven Sisters and the Bonefish Story', Depot II Gallery represented by Alcaston Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
'Ngaachi Paapa – My Mother's Country', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2013 'I am Yikan', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

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## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2023 'Paper & Clay', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2022 Arthouse Gallery Group Show at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW  
'Photo 2022 – Being Human' (International Festival of Photography), Melbourne, VIC
- 2021 'Coming Home', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
'Ritual, the Past in the Present', Cairns Art Gallery, QLD  
'Viewpoints: Contemporary Aboriginal Photography', State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD
- 2020 'Know My Name', National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT  
'The Women's Show', Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC  
'15 Artists', Redcliffe City Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
'Open Hands', Tarnanthi Art Festival, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA  
'Chromatopia', Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA  
'Re-Imagining: Between Traditions & Innovations', Cairns Art Gallery, QLD  
'Get Up, Stand Up', Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Brisbane, QLD
- 2019 'Body Politics: Contemporary Works from the Collection', Bendigo Art Gallery, VIC  
'I, OBJECT', Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Brisbane, QLD  
'Journey Through Culture', ReDot Fine Art Gallery, Tarnanthi Art Festival, Adelaide, SA
- 2018 'San Francisco Tribal & Textile Art Fair: Art of Asia, Africa, Oceania & the Americans', San Francisco, CA, USA  
'Mixed Blood – Contemporary Indigenous Cultural Expression', Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, QLD  
'Naomi Hobson & the Kalan Clay House', Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, QLD  
'From Bark to Neon: Indigenous Art from the NGV Collection', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
- 2017 'the Extractive Frontier: Mining for Art', Castlemaine, VIC  
'Time & Tide', Alcaston Gallery as part of the Art+Climate=Change2017 Festival, Melbourne, VIC  
'Alcaston Gallery Group Show', Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, QLD  
Alcaston Gallery Group Show at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW  
'Australasian Painters 2007 – 2017: Artist Profile 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary', Orange Regional Gallery, NSW
- 2016 'Provenance Does Matter – the Collector's Exhibition', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC  
Alcaston Gallery Group Show at DENFAIR, Melbourne Exhibition Centre, VIC  
'Provenance Does Matter – Living with Contemporary Art', Alcaston Gallery at Gallery 369, Bendigo, VIC  
'All About Art', Alcaston Gallery at Depot Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
'Kinship, Country & Women's Australian Indigenous Art', International Education Services, Indigenous Art Collection, Brisbane, QLD
- 2015 'Goma Q', Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Brisbane, QLD  
'Out of QLD: New Indigenous Textiles', Cairns Regional Gallery, QLD  
Alcaston Gallery Group Show at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW  
'All About Art: Brisbane', White Canvas Gallery, represented by Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC  
'ArtNow Far North Queensland', Cairns Regional Gallery, QLD
- 2014 'Masterpiece London', South Grounds, the Royal Hospital, London, UK  
'Alcaston Gallery Group Show', Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, QLD
- 2013 'Ngampula Kuunchi – We Are Family', Lockhart River Art Group, Emerge Art Space, Inglewood, WA  
'Kinship, a Celebration of Fine Art from Far North Queensland Indigenous Art Centres, Tank Art Centre, Cairns, NT
- 2013-2012 'Land & Water/Ancient & Modern: Contemporary Paintings from Lockhart River', Booker Lowe Gallery, Houston, Texas, USA
- 2012 'Lockhart River Art', Art Atrium, Westfield Bondi Junction, Sydney, NSW  
'Cairns Indigenous Art Fair', Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, QLD
- 2009 'Some of Us', Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide, SA  
'Taralinga', Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
'Group Show', Smith and Hall, Sydney, NSW

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2008 'Group Show', Australian & Oceanic Art Gallery, Port Douglas, QLD  
'Black Roots', Kick Arts Gallery, Cairns, QLD  
'Armidale Cultural Art Fair', Armidale, NSW

## COLLABORATIONS

Collaboration with Mecca Cosmetics & the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Araluen Art Collection, Alice Springs, NT  
Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
Art Gallery of South Australia, SA  
ArtBank  
Bendigo Art Gallery, VIC  
Cairns Art Gallery, QLD  
Cairns Regional Council Collection, QLD  
HOTA (Home of the Arts), QLD  
International Education Services, Indigenous Art Collection, QLD  
Leeuwin Estate Collection, WA  
Macquarie University Art Collection, NSW  
Mosman Art Gallery, NSW  
Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, NT  
Museum of Contemporary Art, NSW  
National Gallery of Australia, ACT  
National Gallery of Victoria, VIC  
Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), QLD  
Shepparton Art Museum, VIC  
State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD  
Stuartholme School, QLD  
Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre  
The Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane, QLD  
The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, VIC  
US Consul General, QLD  
Viva Energy Collection  
Bertrand Estrangin Collection  
Brook Andrew Collection  
Christian Louboutin Collection  
Collection of Richard Klinger & Jane Slatter  
Dame Quentin Bryce Collection  
Dame Rose Horton Collection  
Hon Tony Burke MP Collection  
Penelope Seidler Collection  
Sir Elton John Collection  
Stephen & Debbie Kelly Collection  
Tony Albert Private Collection

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