

NICOLE KELLY

Born 1987, Sydney, Australia

EDUCATION

2021 Master of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours), National Art School, Sydney, NSW

AWARDS, GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

2026 The Alice Prize, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT, Finalist
2025 Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
The Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2024 STILL: National Still Life Award, Yarrila Arts and Museum, NSW, Finalist
Evelyn Chapman Art Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, NSW, Winner
Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Art Centre, NSW, Finalist
Goulburn Art Award, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW, Finalist
Muswellbrook Art Prize, Muswellbrook Art Gallery, NSW, Finalist
Mornington Peninsula Shire Artist-in-Residence program
2023 Grace Cossington Smith Biennial Art Award, The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, NSW, Finalist
Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown Art Centre, NSW, Finalist
Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Art Centre, Gymea, NSW, Finalist
The Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2022 Grace Cossington Smith Art Award, NSW, Finalist
Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Art Centre, Gymea, NSW, Finalist
2021 Viktoria Marinov Scholarship for Female Artists
Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
The Korea-Australia Arts Foundation Art Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
Gallipoli Art Prize, Merrylands RSL, NSW, Finalist
2020 Naked and Nude, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW, Finalist
Swan Hill Print & Drawing Award, Swan Hill Regional Gallery, VIC, Finalist
Evelyn Chapman Art Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
Paddington Art Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
Australia Council Resilience Grant
Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW
Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2019 Percival Portrait Painting Prize, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, Highly Commended
Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW
Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
The Lester Prize for Portraiture, Art Gallery of Western Australia, WA, Finalist
Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, NSW, Finalist
The Vincent Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2018 Hurford Hardwood Portrait Prize, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW, Winner
Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Art Gallery of Western Australia, WA, Finalist
Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship at UNSW, Sydney, NSW
Royal Art Society of NSW Young Artist Award, Winner
Paddington Art Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2017 Artist in Residence, NG Art Creative Residency, Eygalières, France
Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Art Gallery of Western Australia, WA, Finalist
Art on Paper Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, NSW, Commended
2016 NSW Parliament Plein Air Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
Artist in Residence, AADK, Murcia, Spain
Salon des Refusés, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW
Tattersalls Club Landscape Art Prize, Brisbane, QLD, Finalist
Redland Art Awards, Brisbane, QLD, Finalist
Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2015 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2D Award, Manning Naked and Nude Prize, Manning Regional Art Gallery, NSW, Winner
Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Linton & Kay Gallery, Perth, WA, Finalist
Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
Mosman Art Prize, Mosman, NSW, Finalist
Glebe Art Show, Sydney, NSW, Highly Commended
2014 Eutick Memorial Still Life Award, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, NSW, Finalist
Portia Geach Memorial Award, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2013 Youth Art Award, Glebe Art Show, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2011 Art on Paper Local Artist Award, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, NSW, Winner
2009 Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW, Winner

NICOLE KELLY

- 2008 Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
Gruner Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
- 2007 Robert Le Gay Brereton Drawing Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 'Desert Lights', Peter Mendenhall Gallery, Los Angeles, California, USA
'Changing Tides', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2023 'Still Days', Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2022 'Margins of Intimacy', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2021 'Opacity of Time', This Is No Fantasy, Melbourne, VIC
'For What Binds', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2019 'It Remains', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2018 'Bundanon | Tasmania | Provence', 583 Elizabeth Street Projects, Sydney, NSW
'Fragmented Imaginings', This Is No Fantasy + Dianne Tanzer Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2017 'A Daydream', Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, Gymea, NSW
'New Paintings', This Is No Fantasy + Dianne Tanzer Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2016 'Desire & Reason', Kensington Contemporary, Sydney, NSW
- 2015 'You My Friend are Beautiful and Terrifying', NG Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2014 'Sea, Bush and Some Flowers', NG Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'In Company', Gaffa Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Nicole Kelly New Work: Figure and Landscape', Moran Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2013 'Home & Hosed', Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, NSW
- 2012 'Notes from Paris', Toyota Exhibition Space, Sydney, NSW

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 'Summer House', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2025 'Waiting for the Sun', Nicholas Thompson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
Spring1883 Art Fair, Windsor Hotel, Melbourne, VIC
- 2024 '30 Years of Arthouse Gallery', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2023 'Arthouse Gallery', George Place, Sydney, NSW
Arthouse Gallery Group Show at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW
'Life is Beautiful', Art Porters, Singapore
- 2022 'Paper & Clay', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Out of the Blue', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Flood Relief – Spread the Love', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2021 'Coming Home', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Summer Salon', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Spring 1883 Art Fair', in partnership with Artsy, This Is No Fantasy Gallery, VIC
- 2020 'Hazelhurst 20 Years', Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, NSW
'Arthouse Presents 2020', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Art Takes Action', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'In Colour', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Renewal', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Southern Swell', Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney, NSW
'Choose Art I Give Light to Refugees', Online, NG Creative, Sydney, NSW
- 2019 'Connexions Silencieuses', Eygalières, France
'Memory & Landscape', AK Bellinger Gallery, Inverell, NSW
'The Whiteley at 20', SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Autumn', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Reflections of a Fading Sky', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2018 'Riversdale Dreaming', Adelaide Perry Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Movers and Shapers', Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney, NSW
'The Way We See Ourselves, West End Art Space, Melbourne, VIC
'Summer Salon', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2017 'Our Artists in the Studio', NG Art Creative Residency, Eygalières, France
- 2016 'William Fletcher Foundation Fellows and Finalists Exhibition', Sydney, NSW
- 2013 'Home & Hosed', Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney, NSW

SELECTED COLLECTIONS & COMMISSIONS

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC

NICOLE KELLY

Lismore Regional Gallery, Lismore, NSW
Shoalhaven City Arts Centre Collection, Nowra, NSW
Sutherland Hospital, NSW
St George Hospital, NSW
Moran Art Foundation Collection, Sydney, NSW
MG Dingle & GB Hughes Art Collection, Nowra, NSW
Foxtel Collection, North Ryde, NSW
Macquarie University, Sydney, NSW

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

'Summer Series – Nicole Kelly' on 'Talking with Painters' Podcast with Maria Stoljar, Ep.122, 2022
'Art, life and the other thing', podcast hosted by Fenella Kernebone, Ep.7, 2021
S.Smith, 'Making Their Mark', Look Magazine, AGNSW, Sept 2019
Featured on 'Talking with Painters' Podcast with Maria Stoljar, Ep.75, 2019
E.Zeichner, 'Nicole Kelly', Artist Profile, Iss.49, 2019
Australian Art Collector Magazine profile, Oct 2019
E.Ritchie, 'Arts professionals adopt healthy lifestyle to fuel creative juices', The Australian, 11 Jan 2017
K.Sadlier, 'Painters body of work wins award', The Leader, 14 Aug 2011
AAP, 'Brett Whiteley prize winner changes tack', 10 Sep 2009
Art Daily, 'Nicole Kelly has won the Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship', 11 Sept 2009
Australian Art Collector Magazine, Sept 2009
L.Pia, 'When "taking risks" pays off', Look, Art Gallery of NSW, Aug 2009
M.Boland, 'Prizewinner makes mark in risky business', The Australian, 11 Sept 2009
A.Collins, 'Sydney student wins Brett Whiteley scholarship', ABC Local, 10 Sept 2009
'Nicole Kelly wins Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship', Daily News, 11 Sept 2009
E.Fortescue, 'Off on the trip of a lifetime', The Daily Telegraph Sydney, 16 Sept 2009
Adam Fulton, 'Colourful identity emerges from shadowy figures', The Nation, 11 Sept 2009
P.Miller, 'Brett Whiteley Scholarship', Appimage, 9 Sept 2009
'Brett Whiteley Prize winner used to be scared of painting', The Epoch Times, 9 Sept 2009
'Brett Whiteley Travelling Art Scholarship', Time Out Sydney, 12 Sept 2009
A.Wood, 'Accidental artist has bright future', The Leader, 24 Sept 2009
Australian Art Collector Magazine, Sept 2009