

KENDAL MURRAY

Born 1958, Broken Hill, Australia

EDUCATION

1995	MA (Hons) (Vis Art), University of Western Sydney, Nepean, NSW
1991	Creative Jewellery Design, Randwick Technical College
1986	Post Certificate in Etching, East Sydney Technical College
1985	Graduate Diploma in Professional Art Studies, City Art Institute
1983	Conversion of Diploma in Art to BA (Vis Art), City Art Institute
1982	Screen Printing course, Sydney Technical College
1979	Diploma in Art, Alexander Mackie CAE

AWARDS, GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

2024	Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, VIC, Finalist
2023	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, VIC, Finalist
2019	Small Works 2019, Brunswick Street Gallery, VIC, Winner of the People's Choice Award
2018	Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, VIC, Finalist Pin8, ANCA, Canberra, ACT, Finalist
2017	Pin7, ANCA, Canberra, ACT, Finalist
2015	Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, VIC, Winner Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Winner of the Beowulf Prize The Defiance Gallery Small Sculpture Prize, Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2014	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2013	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2012	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Winner of the Special Commendation Award
2010	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2006	She Who Belongs, Walker Street Gallery, VIC, Winner
2004	The Hutchins Art Prize, The Long Gallery, Salamanca Place, Hobart, TAS, Finalist Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist Walking Sideways and Smiling, Gallery SP Sydney, as part of 'Sculpture 2004'
2002	The Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2001	Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney, NSW, Finalist
2000	Ceramics - The Australian Context, Campbelltown Art Gallery, Winning prize for 'Excellence and Innovation'
1992	Images Congress Project, Pisa, Italy, Finalist
1991	The Sixth Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art, Dell Bello Gallery, Toronto, Canada, Finalist
1990	The Space Group of Korea 'Sixth International Miniature Print Exhibition', Finalist
1984	International Independence Exhibition of Prints, Kanagawa, Japan, Finalist City of Fremantle Art Award Exhibition, WA, Finalist

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	'Evergreen', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Vivid Dreams, Evergreen', Arthouse Gallery at Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, VIC
2023	'Imagined Worlds', Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2022	'In the Smile of a Tree', Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2016	'Show and Tell', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2015	'Between Rhyme and Reason', Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, NSW
2014	'The Collector', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2012	'Flights of Fancy', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2011	'Stage Whispers', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2010	'Imagining The Self', Coffs Harbour Regional Art Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
2009	'Short Stories and Tall Tales', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2007	'An Enchanted Life', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2006	'Girlhood Memories', Monash Gallery of Art, VIC
2004	'Walking Sideways and Smiling', Gallery SP Sydney, NSW
2003	'Walking Sideways and Smiling', New England Regional Art Museum, NSW

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2001	'In Search Of Childish Pleasures', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2000	'Night Fictions', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
1999	'Everyday Dreams', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
1998	'Secret Histories', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
1997	'She Starts by Removing Her Face', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
1996	'Circulatory Pleasures', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Compulsive Beauty', The Maling Gallery, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney, NSW
1995	'Compulsive Beauty', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024	'30 Years of Arthouse', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'My Mother', Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'A Big Book of Little Art Essays', Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2023	Arthouse Gallery at Sydney Contemporary, Sydney, NSW
	'1001 Remarkable Objects', Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, NSW
	'The Biggest Little Show in Town', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Bits + Pieces', Bedford Gallery, California, USA.
	'Imagined Worlds', Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2022	'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'6 x 6 x 6', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Small Dreams', Stanley Street Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Out of the Blue', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Interconnected', New England Regional Museum, NSW
	'Spread the Love', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2021	'Coming Home', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Speaking to Trees', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Small and Wall', Flinders Street Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
	'6 x 6 x 6', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'I Am Here', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Summer Salon', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2020	'9 x 5', Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, VIC
	'Renewal', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Animalia', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Summer', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2019	'Goulburn Bustle', Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW
	'Reflections of a Fading Sky', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'A World in a Looking Glass', Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
	'Love', Tweed River Regional Gallery, NSW
	'Vital Push', Regard Studio Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Material Properties', Paradigm Gallery and Studio, Philadelphia, USA.
	Arthouse Gallery at Sydney Contemporary, Sydney, NSW
2018	'Selected Works', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'9 x 5', Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, VIC
	Arthouse Gallery at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW
	'Under the Sun', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2017	'9 x 5', Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong, VIC
	Arthouse Gallery at Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney, NSW
2016	'Feel Big Live Small', The Mini Time Machine Museum Of Miniatures, Tucson, USA
	'Hot Rod', Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW
	'Lorne Biennale', Lorne, VIC
	'In The Still', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Feel Big Live Small', Apexart, New York, USA
	'Unfolding Splendour', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
	'Spin', ANCA Gallery, ACT
	'Storm In A Teacup', Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC

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2015	'Suburban Dreams', Glasshouse Regional Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW 'The Peculiar Library', ANCA, Canberra, ACT 'What's In The Toybox?', Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW
2014	'Pin-a 4', ANCA Gallery, ACT 'Under the Sun', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'So Much More Than A Big Sheep', Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW 'Minumental', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 2013 'Pin Up' ANCA Gallery, Canberra, ACT 'Story', Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, Sydney, NSW 'It's A Small World', Glasshouse Regional Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW 'Holiday and Memory', Penrith Regional Gallery, Penrith, NSW 'Imaginings', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Maximus Minimus', Defiance Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2013	'Story', Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest, Sydney, NSW 'It's A Small World', Glasshouse Regional Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW
2012	Arthouse Gallery, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, VIC 'Tiny Titans and Miniliths', Defiance Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Under the Sun', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2011	'30 to Collect', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'The New Arcadia', Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW 'A Cabinet of Curiosities', NG Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Mini Majors', Defiance Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2010	'Defiant Little Devils', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2009	'A Fairy's Tail', Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'You Little Beauty', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Wax On" Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2008	'It's The Small Things That Count', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Flesh', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'She Who Explores', Walker Street Gallery, VIC
2007	'One Small Step for Mankind', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Float: Watercraft in Art', Lake Macquarie Art Gallery, NSW 'She Who Dreams', Walker Street Gallery, VIC
2006	'How Much Art Thou Shrunk', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'She Who Belongs', Walker St Gallery, VIC '9 x 5 Exhibition', Walker Street Gallery, VIC 'Linden Postcard Show', Linden, VIC
2005	'Collections', UWS Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'It all Started 10 Years Ago', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2004	'Sister Sister,' Lake Macquarie Art Gallery, NSW 'The Heart of Art', Jendela Gallery, Singapore 'Celebrate Australia 2004', Sagesse, Raffles City, Singapore 'The March of the Miniatures', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2003	'Where the Small Walk Tall', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Sample, Female Orphan School', University of Western Sydney, NSW
2002	'Lady Ethel Knox Sculpture Collection', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Bag That!', Lake Macquarie Art Gallery, NSW
2001	'Small Wonders', Defiance Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'HAKO + niwa', The Japan Foundation, Sydney, NSW
2000	'I Wish I Could Fly', The Little Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Ceramics - The Australian Context', Campbelltown Art Gallery, NSW
1999	'Delicious', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Elegance', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
1998	'Wardrobe', The Performance Space, Sydney, NSW, The Institute of Modern Art, QLD, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Perth, WA
1998	The Maling Gallery, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney, NSW
1997	'Showcase', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Wardrobe', Mad Love Gallery, Adelaide, SA

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1996	'Thin Skin', Performance Space, Sydney, NSW 'Reliable, Goth', Spells, Encounter, Scissors, Encounter, Scissors, Veil, 'Narrative, Sign, Gargoyle, Homage, Fecund, Tantrum', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney 'Dissonants', College of Fine Arts Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Visibility', The Beatty Gallery, Sydney, NSW 'Handbag', Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA
1993	'Current States', Tin Sheds Gallery, University of Sydney, NSW
1992	'Images Congress Project', Pisa, Italy 'The Mental Zoo', Washington, USA 'Shadow Images', Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
1991	'The Sixth Annual International Exhibition of Miniature Art', Dell Bello Gallery, Toronto, Canada (juried show)
1990	'Sixth International Miniature Print Exhibition', The Space Group, Korea
1989	'Cuts, Scratches and Bites', Australian Print Council
1988	'Sydney Printmakers Exhibition', Blaxland Gallery
1986	'Sydney Printmakers Exhibition' (in conjunction with the Biennale), Blaxland Gallery 'New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art', Indiana Fine Arts Gallery, Indiana University
1985	'Male Formy Grafiki', Polska Lodz, Poland 'Royal Art College Printmakers Exhibition', London 'Photo-screen exhibition', Roundhouse Gallery, University of NSW 'International Independence Exhibition of Prints', Kanagawa, Japan
1984-6	'Mini Print Travelling Exhibition', Print Council of Australia

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, NSW
Deakin University
Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Coffs Harbour Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Lady Ethel Knox Sculpture Collection, Sydney, NSW
University of Western Sydney, NSW
University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
Male Formy Grafiki, Polska Lodz, Poland (Permanent Collection)
Collection of C.E. Heath
Commonwealth Bank Collection

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'Kendal Murray's playful miniature worlds', Art Guide Australia, September 2022
'6 x 6 x 6" Miniature Sculpture Show', Artist Profile, Dec 2022
'Kendal Murray: In the Smile of a Tree', Art Almanac, September 2022
Tyler Nesler, 'Kendal Murray', Interlocutor, 16 Jun 2019
Kate Sierzputowski, 'Miniature Figures Top Coin Purses, Makeup Compacts, and Teapots in Lush Narrative Scenes by Kendal Murray, This is Colossal, 13 Mar 2019
Benjamin Sutton, 'In an Exhibition of Miniatures, The Good, the Bad, and the Lego', Hyperallergic, 6 Apr 2015
Sasha Grishin, 'The Peculiar Library' review, SMH, 23 Nov 2015
'Eco Glass,' Homify, Jan 2015
'Kendal Murray's Miniature Worlds,' IGNANT, Nov 2014
'Miniature Scenes Sculptures with Everyday Objects,' Fubiz, Nov 2014
'Breakfast Time, Just In Time,' Australian Art Collector, Iss.62, Oct–Dec 2012
'Everyday, Heyday, Display,' The Big Issue, No.413, Aug 2012
'Kendal Murray,' Art Nation, ABC, May 2011
'Mothers Parade, Serenade Played,' Australian Art Collector, Iss.55, Jan–Mar 2011
'Dinnertime Climb', Art Month Sydney 2011 Program, Mar 2011
'Summertime Pastime,' Art Almanac, July 2010

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'Holiday Heyday,' Australian Art Collector, Iss.49, Jul-Sept 2009

'Race, Chase, Displace Space,' Vogue Living: Art & Events, Nov-Dec 2008

'No Small Feat,' Vogue Living, Sept 2008

'The Future Forecast Report,' Vogue Living, Nov-Dec 2007

'Kendal Murray, A Retrospective', University of Western Sydney, 2003

Laura Murray Cree, 'Awesome! Australian Art For Contemporary Kids', Sydney Craftsman House, 2002

'I Wish,' Belle Magazine, Feb 2002

'Femme Fatale,' Craft Arts International, No 34, 1995

'The Secret,' Art and Australia, Vol.30, no.1, Spring 1992

Maud Page, 'Who's That Hanging off Your Arm', Art and Australia, Vol.39, No.1