

## CATHY FRANZI

*Cathy Franzi is a ceramic artist who lives and works in Canberra. She says of her practice, "I investigate ways in which representations of Australian flora on ceramic vessels can communicate ideas about the current environment. My initial training was in science, informing the botanical approach I take to my subject. However, it is the love of being in nature that gives me a passion for making – to find ways to express the character of each unique plant and the diversity, and fragility, of environments they inhabit." Cathy adapts relief print making methods to her ceramics, making her own tools for her impressions. Her marks are clearly visible with individual hand gestures reflecting the characteristics of the plants she depicts.*

*Cathy Franzi graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Sydney in 1985 and, in 2010, she completed her Masters of Visual Arts from the Australian National University. In 2015, she was awarded her PhD from the Ceramics Workshop, School of Art, Australian National University. Her work is held in collections including the Canberra Museum and Gallery, ACT Legislative Assembly, Parliament House Art Collection and Manly Art Gallery & Museum.*

### BIOGRAPHY

- 1985 Bachelor of Science, University of Sydney
- 1996- Tutor, Canberra Potters' Society
- 2010 Master of Visual Arts, School of Art, Australian National University
- 2011 Artist Talk, The Pottery Workshop, Jingdezhen, China
- 2011-15 Doctor of Philosophy, School of Art, Australian National University
- 2011-13 Sessional lecturer, Ceramics workshop, School of Art, Australian National University
- 2012 Postgraduate panel, Australian Ceramics Triennale, Adelaide
- 2013 Postgraduate symposium, International Festival Ceramics, Aberystwyth, Wales, UK
- 2014-15 Organising committee, 2015 Australian Ceramics Triennale, Canberra
- 2015 Presenter, Australian Ceramics Triennale, Canberra
- 2016 Vice-Chancellor's College Artist Fellows Scheme, Visiting Fellow in the Research School of Biology, ANU  
Presenter, POTober, Ceramic Arts Association of Western Australia, Perth  
Artist in Residence, Craft ACT  
Residence, Research School of Biology, Australian National University  
Artist in Residence, Bundanon Trust
- 2016- Ceramics tutor, Centre for Continuing Education, ANU
- 2017- President, The Australian Ceramics Association
- 2017 Sessional lecturer, Ceramics workshop, School of Art, Australian National University

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 "a visit to the river", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2016 "On the nature of things", Sabbia Gallery, Sydney
- 2015 "Wonder & Loss", Narek Galleries, Tanja, NSW  
"Islands and Corridors", School of Art, ANU, Canberra
- 2014 "The Arid Zone", Craft ACT, Canberra
- 2013 "Painting the hills of Canberra", Craft ACT, Canberra
- 2012 Canberra Bells and Ginninderra Peppercross", Craft ACT, Canberra

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 "Lines of Site: finding the Sublime in Canberra, M16 ArtSpace, Canberra  
"Clunes Ceramic Award, Union Bank Art Centre, Clunes, VIC  
"Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize, Ravenswood School, Sydney  
"50 Vessels", Suncoast Clayworkers, Nambour, QLD  
"Naturally Yours", School of Art and Design Gallery, ANU  
"Artist in Residence exhibition, Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre, Canberra  
"Vice Chancellor's College Artists Fellows Scheme, School of Art, ANU, Canberra  
"Klytie Chancellor's Ceramics Exhibition, Arts Council of Mansfield, VIC
- 2016 "Small works 2016", Beaver Galleries, Canberra  
"Delicate Touch V", Narek Galleries, Tanja, NSW  
"From the Red Heart" (with Sharon Field), Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra  
"Doug Alexander", Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra

- 2016 Complexity of Shape Symposium, Research School of Biology, ANU, Canberra  
Biennial Nth Qld Ceramic Awards, Pinnacles Gallery, Townsville  
"Bush Capital: the Natural History of the ACT", Canberra Museum and Gallery  
Ignition Ceramic Awards, Maroochy Botanical Gardens, Qld
- 2015 "From the Landscape" (with Neville French), Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Sydney  
Clunes Ceramic Award, Union Bank Arts Centre, Clunes, Vic  
A Potted History of Canberra Region Ceramics, Canberra Museum and Gallery, Canberra  
"Stomping Ground", ACT Legislative Assembly Gallery, Canberra
- 2015 Australian Ceramics Triennale Presenters Exhibition, ANU, Canberra  
"Belonging", The Australian Ceramics Association, School of Art, ANU, Canberra
- 2014 "The Course of Objects", Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney  
"Contemporary Porcelain", Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Sydney
- 2013 "Inhabit", CraftACT: Craft and Design Centre, Canberra
- 2012 "Signature", CraftACT: Craft and Design Centre, Canberra
- 2011 "Material Matters", ANU School of Art, Canberra
- 2006 "Impact", Watling Galleries, Brisbane
- 2005 Thermocouple (with Chris Harford), Watson Arts Centre, Canberra

**AWARDS / COMMISSIONS**

- 2017 Finalist, Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize  
Highly Commended, Clunes Ceramic Award, Clunes, VIC  
People's Choice Award, Klytie Pate Ceramics Award, Mansfield, VIC  
ACT Arts Fund, Project Funding
- 2016 Walker Ceramics Award, Canberra Potters' Society Annual Exhibition  
300g Award, Ignition Ceramic Awards, Maroochy Botanical Gardens, QLD  
Scott Brickworks Acquisitive Award, 2016 Biennial Nth Qld Ceramic Awards, Townsville, QLD
- 2015 Walker Ceramics and People's Choice, Canberra Potters' Society Annual Exhibition
- 2011-15 Australian Postgraduate Award
- 2013 Craft ACT Award, Canberra Potters' Society Annual Exhibition
- 2012 Doug Alexander Award, Canberra Potters' Society Annual Exhibition
- 2009 ANU School of Art Nelson Nichols Scholarship in Ceramics

**PUBLICATIONS**

- 2017 "Cathy Franzi", Sukjin Choi, *Korean Monthly Ceramic Art*, 258
- 2016 "An Australian Botanical Narrative", Cathy Franzi, *Journal of Australian Ceramics*, 55/2
- 2014 "Botanical Ceramics", Cathy Franzi, *Ceramics Ireland*, 32  
"Art and Environment in a Suitcase Exhibition", Cathy Franzi, *Seed Broadcast Journal*, USA
- 2013 "Ceramics and the Australian Botanical Narrative", Cathy Franzi, *Journal of Australian Ceramics*, 52/3
- 2011 "Tale of Adventure", Cathy Franzi, *Craft Australia Newsletter*  
"Two Communities", Cathy Franzi, *Journal of Australian Ceramics*, 50/3
- 2005 President/Society profile, Cathy Franzi, *Journal of Australian Ceramics*, 44/1
- 1996 "Potting in Thailand", Cathy Franzi and Chris Harford, *Ceramic Review*, 157  
"Chris Harford", Cathy Franzi, *Pottery in Australia*, 35/4  
"Time for Tea", Cathy Franzi, *Pottery in Australia*, 35/4

**COLLECTIONS**

Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra; Canberra Museum and Gallery, Canberra; ACT Legislative Assembly, Canberra; Manly Art Gallery & Museum, Sydney; University of Wollongong Faculty of Creative Arts Collection, Wollongong, NSW; Canberra Centenary Time Capsule; Research School of Biology, Australian National University