

JUDY HORACEK

Judy Horacek is a Melbourne-based artist, cartoonist, illustrator and author who is renowned for her witty and humorous interpretations of social and political issues. Judy's classic cartoon screenprints highlight the absurdities in contemporary life, using humour to playfully invite the viewer to engage with popular ideas and debates in the arenas of feminism, environmentalism and self-identity. Judy's fairy tale series explore the role of our imagination in creating fairy tale narratives from our own memories, while her photographic series of screenprints capture simple objects and moments in time, exploring the beauty of architectural features and ambiguous silhouettes. Judy's recent works capture the beauty, spirit and idiosyncrasies of old maps, travel, boats and flying.

Judy Horacek graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Honours, majoring in Fine Arts and English Literature from Melbourne University in 1985. In 2005, Judy continued her studies with a Bachelor of Arts (Visual), majoring in Printmedia and Drawing from the Australian National University. Since 1995, Judy has worked as a cartoonist for several newspapers including the Canberra Times, The Australian and The Age. Seven collections of her cartoons have been published including 'I am Woman Hear me Draw'. Judy has also illustrated and authored several children's picture books including 'Yellow is my favourite colour', 'These are My Hands' and Mem Fox's 'Where is the Green Sheep' and 'Good Night Sleep Tight' (new edition). Judy has participated in over forty solo and group exhibitions throughout Australia.

BIOGRAPHY

- 1961 Born Moortoopna, VIC
- 1985 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Fine Arts and English, Melbourne University
- 1986 Graduate Diploma of Museum Studies, Victoria College
- 1995-97 Cartoonist, *The Age*
- 1997-01 Cartoonist, *The Australian Magazine*
- 1999-01 Cartoonist, *The Australian's Review of Books*
- 2002-05 Cartoonist, *The Australian* and *Canberra Times*
- 2006 Artist residency, Schloss Haldenstein, Graubunden, Switzerland
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts (Visual) in printmedia and drawing, Australian National University
- 2012 – current Cartoonist, *The Age*
Cartoonist, *Sheilas*, Victorian Women's Trust

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 "Far and Near", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2009 "Fairy tales (Colours)", Artist's Books, Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
"Everyday fairytales", Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
"Fairytales", Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
- 2007 "Skizzen", Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
- 2002 "I am woman hear me draw", National Museum of Australia, Canberra
- 2001 "Not waving but singing", Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
- 1999 "Laughter, the Universe and everything", travelling, National Gallery of Victoria, Monash Gallery of Art and regional galleries in Victoria and South Australia (1999 - 2001)
"Reasons to be cheerful II", Steps Gallery, Melbourne
- 1998 "Reasons to be cheerful I", Australian Girls' Own Gallery, Canberra
- 1997 "Woman with Altitude", Australian Girls' Own Gallery, Canberra
- 1995 "Premenstrual in a postmodern age", Australian Girls' Own Gallery, Canberra
- 1994 Fringe Festival Exhibition, Brunswick Mechanics Institute, Melbourne
"Unrequited love", Steps Gallery, Melbourne
- 1992 "What heaven is really like", Australian Girls' Own Gallery, Canberra
"Life on the edge", Australian Girls' Own Gallery, Canberra

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 "Christmas Collection", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
- 2008 Annual cartooning exhibition, National Museum of Australia, ACT
- 2005 "Flock", Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
"Graduate Exhibition", ANU School of Art, Canberra
- 2000 "Triptych", Helen Maxwell Gallery, ACT
- 1999 "Bringing the House down", Old Parliament House, Canberra
- 1998 "Collision", Australian Girls' Own Gallery, Canberra
"Dog's breakfast", ANCA Gallery, Canberra

- 1997 "Bringing the House down", Old Parliament House, Canberra
"Living with art", Spiral Arm Gallery, Canberra
- 1996 "Hysterical women II", Women's Electoral Lobby, Perth
"Winter light", Australian Girls' Own Gallery, Canberra
- 1995 "Women with Attitude", National Museum of Australia, Canberra
- 1994 "Women and gardens", Women's Gallery, Fitzroy, VIC
"HaHa Gallery Inaugural Exhibition", Gasworks, Albert Park, VIC
- 1993-96 "Black and white and green", travelling, Perc Tucker Gallery, Townsville, Qld and regional centres
- 1993 "Brunswick Women Artists", Mechanics Institute, Brunswick, VIC
"Hysterical women", Women's Electoral Lobby, Perth
- 1992 "No vacancy", Collins Street Shopfront, Melbourne
"Brunswick Women Artists", Mechanics Institute, Brunswick, VIC
- 1991 "Brunswick Women Artists", Brunswick Mechanics Institute, Melbourne
"Adobe - a discourse on the built environment", Mechanics Institute, Brunswick, VIC
"Out of line - 10 feminist cartoonists", Friends of the Earth Gallery, Fitzroy, VIC
"Making do", National Gallery of Victoria
- 1990 "Artzwick Artzwork I", Brunswick Mechanics Institute, Melbourne
"Curbin' the urban", Princes Hill School Park centre, North Carlton, VIC
- 1989 National Cartoonists' Exhibition, Spoleto Fringe Festival, Roar 2 Studios, Melbourne
- 1988 National Cartoonists' Exhibition, Spoleto Fringe Festival, Fitzroy, VIC
"White on black", Northcote Town Hall, Melbourne
- 1987 "Ms Ink", Comedy Festival, State Library of Victoria

AWARDS / COMMISSIONS

- 2012 Finalist, Walkley Award for Best Cartoon
- 2008 Notable book, "The story of Growl", Children's Book Council of Australia
- 2007 Fellowship, ACT Creative Arts, ArtsACT
- 2006 Fellowship, State Library of Victoria, VIC
- 2005 Best Book for Language Development for Young Children award, Speech Pathology Australia
Picture Book of the Year, "Where is the Green Sheep?", Children's Book Council of Australia
- 2002 Edna Award for Humour, NSW Women's Electoral Lobby
Finalist, Walkey Award for Best Cartoon
- 1996 Fellowship, Varuna Writers Centre, NSW
- 1995 Hysterical Women Award, WEL WA Women's Cartooning Exhibition
- 1993 Hysterical Women Award, WEL WA Women's Cartooning Exhibition
- 1988 Fringe Festival Cartooning Award, National Cartooning Exhibition, Fitzroy, VIC

COLLECTIONS

National Library of Australia, Canberra; National Museum of Australia, Canberra; Old Parliament House Collection, Canberra; State Library of Victoria; State Library of Queensland