

KIRRILY HUMPHRIES

Kirrily Humphries is an emerging artist based in Canberra whose exquisitely detailed paintings take months to render. Using multiple layers of translucent oil glazes applied over time, Kirrily's pieces become luminous with soft detail and subtle variations of light, shadow and colour. She says of her work; "I become quietly absorbed in the solitary exploration of architectural space. In my isolation I feel a heightened sense of physical presence, an amplified sensory awareness. The excited terror of exploring space forbidden or unknown intensifies this experience, presenting a realm for fantasy, anticipation and unfolding narrative. Based on my expeditions within contemporary ruins, I paint moments of sublime revelation, found in their distinct phenomenological and physiological experience. Informed by a single location, in these desolate interiors I confront my anxieties, my fears of destruction, and the transience and brevity of human legacy." By working at a small scale, Kirrily encourages a similar immersive experience for viewers, impelling quiet contemplation.

Kirrily graduated with a Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) from the Australian National University in 2016 and was the recipient of a number of awards and scholarships throughout her degree. In 2014 she went on an exchange program to the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, in Paris, France and has been exhibiting regularly since.

BIOGRAPHY

- 2006 Diploma of Fine Arts, Newcastle Art School
- 2014 Exchange Program, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France
- 2016 Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours), Australian National University, Canberra

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 "DROSS", Form Studio and Gallery, Queanbeyan, NSW

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Sydney Contemporary 2017, Carriageworks, Sydney (Beaver Galleries)
"At the End of the World", M Contemporary, Sydney
- 2016 "Small Works 2016", Beaver Galleries, Canberra
"ANU School of Art Graduating Exhibition 2016", Australian National University, Canberra
"Love is in the Air", Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Gorman House
"That's What She Said", Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Cultural Centre, Katherine
"EASS Strathnairn Arts Exhibition Awards 2016", Strathnairn Arts, Canberra
"EASS Form Studio and Gallery Awards 2016", Form Studio and Gallery, Queanbeyan, NSW
- 2015 "ANU School of Art Graduating Exhibition 2015", Australian National University, Canberra
"Friday On My Wall", Australian National University, Canberra
"Painting in Paris: Works by Yioryios Papayioriou and Kirrily Humphries", Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Manuka
"ANU Drawing Prize 2015", Australian National University Gallery, Canberra
"Random 2015", Australian National University Gallery, Canberra
"sPIN", Australian National Capital Artists (ANCA), Dickson
- 2014 "Thirdness", Galleries Droite/Gauche, École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France

AWARDS / COMMISSIONS

- 2016 M Contemporary Emerging Artist Award
EASS Acquisition Award
Sir Geoffrey Yeend Honours Scholarship
- 2015 EASS Acquisition Award (x3)
EASS Strathnairn Arts Exhibition Award
EASS Form Studio and Gallery Exhibition Award
EASS ACT Legislative Assembly Prize (Highly Commended)
- 2014 Westende Travelling Scholarship